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The East German Government has ordered the following two East German plants to construct similar though larger plants outside Germany:

1. VEB Elektroschmelze, Zschornowitz, Kreis Pitterfeld, which produces polishing agents, has been commissioned to construct a similar plant in Hungary three times the size of the German plant, which has a crew of 400. Because of considerations of competition, the management of the Zschornowitz plant has delayed, as best it could, carrying out the order. If constructed, the Hungarian plant is to produce polishing agents in particle sizes of 5-micron and rougher for polishing optical surfaces and wood. Bernhard Hammerschmidt, chemical engineer at VEB Elektroschmelze, in all probability would become technical head of the new plant.
2. Similarly, Zeiss in Jena has received an order from the East German Government to construct a plant in Poland twice the size of the Jena works. In this instance, the management has accepted the order.

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