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1. The Gliwice coke plant in Gliwice consists of one old and four modern ovens, and produces 800,000 tons of coke annually.* It employs 500 workers. Its director, Ing. Alfred Musial, the chief engineer (fnu) Dobrowolski, and the laboratory chief (fnu) Gajda as well as most of the other employees are anti-communistic. This plant is presently being enlarged and modernized. It is the only coke plant in Poland using the Zasypowy system. The coal for this plant is supplied by the Gliwice Mine nearby. The coke plant and the mine are under the same guard system. The guard office is located in the coke plant. Passes to all of the industrial installations in this area are issued by the guard office at the coke plant. The passes do not have the bearer's photograph and must be renewed every three months. The worst production difficulty is the presence of water in the soot (about 16%).

2. The Makoszowy coke plant in Makoszowy near Zabrze consists of two old ovens, two fairly new ones, and two modern ones. The production is 950,000 tons of coke annually.** It employs 450 workers. The coke plant is situated next to its source of supply, the Makoszowy Mine. On 30 October 1951, two new Otto ovens were installed. All ovens use the Ubijany system.

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