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1. During the last week in May 1952, a commission of 62 men and women representatives from the Ministry of Mines and Power, the Ministry of Communications, and the Planning Office went down to the Halimba Bauxite Mines. A Russian representative from the Maszobal Combine was also present.
2. The main object of the commission was to decide on the best method of fulfilling a recent order received from Moscow that the mine was to start, as from 1 June 1952, delivering 200 tons of bauxite per day for export to the USSR.
3. As Halimba has no direct rail connection with the main Szombathely-Budapest line, it was necessary to decide on the best method of establishing the necessary link. The two alternatives were:
 - a. to complete the temporarily abandoned new narrow-gauge line in favor of some other higher priority.
 - b. to construct a transloading station at Devecser, where the existing rail link through the hills from Nyirad joins the Szombathely-Budapest line.
4. The first decision was in favor of continuing the work on the new line and in fact one technician, one laborer and two girl assistants were dispatched to make a start. The following day they were, however, withdrawn as the decision had been reversed and after two further contradictory orders it was finally decided to adopt the alternative (b).
5. In order to complete the transloading station the foundation of the narrow gauge line had to be raised to the level of the main line, and switch points

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had to be fitted for the turn-round. It was found that none of the materials necessary for this work were locally available - i.e. broken stones for raising the rail bed, switch points or rails. These were, however, eventually located and transported to the site. The urgency of the order was such that even new trucks were pressed into service and run at maximum speed, although they had not been broken in and have suffered cylinder damage in consequence.

6. An old narrow gauge steam engine of German manufacture was brought from Gant. One of the deputy ministers of mines and power, who was getting worried about these hitches and who had come down to Halimba the day before the delegation arrived to warn the manager of the mine that he was due for admonition by Sándor Czottner, the Minister, personally drove around all night in his car to collect the necessary spare parts to mend the gear box of the old engine. When it was repaired and coupled to the first train of loaded cars, it was found impossible to get up enough steam pressure from the brown coal which was the only type available and another convoy of trucks had to be sent hastily to Pécs for high grade anthracite, the type of coal for which the engine was constructed.
7. In spite of all these difficulties, however, the target date was only overshoot by one week and the first load of 200 tons left for the railhead on 7 June 1952. Intensive efforts are now being made to keep up this level of deliveries.
8. All the bauxite is of the first quality, that is with the minimum silicon content.

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