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1. Since the beginning of January 1955, five plants have been forced to stop production of certain goods, (exact plants and products not available), because of the shortage of borax.

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2. The East German State Reserves contain only 50 tons of borax. A special meeting of the Council of Ministers was called to discuss this critical shortage. The results of this meeting were not made generally available .

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3. As of the end of January 1955, 15 tons of borax were on the way by ship to Rostock. 110 tons are to follow soon by way of Rotterdam. The exact origin of this borax is not known. An additional 45 tons of borax are reported to be ready for shipment to Rostock.

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