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1. The following are the developments laid down in the 1952 plan of the vehicle department of the BfW:
 - a. Amphibious vehicles (Schwimmwagen) to be build on a S5 truck chassis, and by an order received in November 1952 from the Soviet Central Commission in Berlin-Karlshorst, these must be developed as quickly as possible. The time allowed for development is to be one year.
 - b. Small amphibious vehicles will be built on PKW P1 chassis, and it is estimated that they will be tested during the second quarter of 1953.
2. Further developments are:
 - a. The construction of a PKW [] from a PKW [] to have a 75 h.p. engine which in turn is to be further developed into a [] (amphibious vehicle) for which the sum of 450,000 DM Ost is to be allotted.
 - b. Further development of a half-track vehicle for which the sum of 1,200,000 DM Ost has been allotted.
 - c. Further development of the G5 (with an air-cooled engine): 250,000 DM Ost.
 - d. Further development of a G5S (amphibious vehicle): 1,200,000 DM Ost.
 - e. Development of spare parts for T34 tanks and assault gun, SU 76: 1,500,000 DM Ost.
 - f. Development of deep-leading trailers (Tiefladenhaenger) for the towing of tanks: 450,000 DM Ost.
 - g. 7-ton deep leading trailers for engineer units (Planiers).

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- h. Further development of full-tracked KS05: 150,000 DM Ost.
- i. Further development of the H3A truck into an H4 with all-wheel drive: 250,000 DM Ost.
- j. Development of an 11-ton towing vehicle (Zugmaschine) Z11 with a pulling power of 225 h.p. for the towing of the deep-leading vehicles.
- k. Development of a water and oil heater for tanks: 150,000 DM Ost.
- l. Development of an instrument for aiding vehicles to start easily in winter (Winteranlasserhilfsgeraete).

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