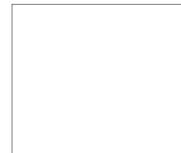


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1. VEB Messgeraetewerk Karl Marx is located in Magdeburg-Buckau, Strasse der Deutsch-Sowjetischen Freundschaft 8; the valve department and the foundries are on Freie Strasse. Approximately 7,500 persons are employed there.
2. Production in early 1954 included the following: electric, magnetic, and manual measuring instruments for measuring temperatures, fluids, and gases; gas, air, water and oil fittings (Armaturen). The yearly turnover runs to approximately 1.5 million DME in value.
3. The USSR receives 80% of the total production. The remaining 20% goes to the European satellites, China and the internal market. Measuring instruments are shipped to Tekhnopromimport, Moscow; the fittings, to Mashinimport, Moscow. The packing crates, which are all sea-worthy, are sent by rail to Rostock and then by ship to the USSR. At the end of 1953, the Rostock harbor presumably became congested and was closed to these shipments, which were then routed through Brest Litovsk.
4. Contracts are let by the Soviet Trade Delegation and negotiated by DIA. The commercial director of the plant, Bruno Brandau, travels almost every two weeks to the Trade Delegation offices and discusses contracts with the delegation personally. DIA is responsible for material procurement and for the later accountings connected with the deliveries. The business routine is as follows: the representative of VEB Messgeraetewerk establishes the first contact, DIA then steps in to assume the material procurement and accounting. The Trade Delegation then forwards the order through DIA.
5. The Karl Marx Werk maintains an office in East Berlin which is directly connected by teletype to the plant in Magdeburg. This office is located at Bahnhofstr. 9 - 17 in the Moor-Brems building and maintains liaison with DIA and the Trade Delegation. If any questions arise, the head of this Berlin office, ~~W. Kouchak~~ discusses them either with DIA or with the Trade Delegation.

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