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Object 6

1. Russians employed at Object level

Head of Norms Department	Vlasov
Head of OTK (Dept. of Technical Control)	P. Yegorov
Head of Construction Department	Blokhin
Chief Accountant	Bugayev

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2. Russians at Schacht 241

Chief Geologist	Petrichenko
Assistant Geologist	Trushkov
Chief Geophysicist	Sazeklyaniy
Assistant Geophysicist	Toshidayev
Norm Engineer	Usatov (has now been transferred from Schacht 241 to Zobes)
Mechanical Engineer	Shemelevski (in place of Cherkasov; returned to USSR)
Economist	Valentina Antonova
	Shevyakova (in place of Isatova: now moved to Object level)

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3. Russians at Schacht 362

Chief Engineer	Borodin (formerly served in Object 90 at Karl-Marx-Stadt)

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4. Organization

As of August 1955, in Object 6 the following posts were filled by Germans, with Russian deputies: chief engineer (Oberingenieur), master miner (Obersteiger), and security chief (Sicherheitsdienst-Chef)(S.S.D.)

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In Object 6, the newly-appointed German Oberingenieur is Willi Doefler, a Russian-speaking mining engineer, who has worked in the Object since 1947. [1]

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5. Safety Precautions

Because of the recent disaster at Niederschlema, the following additional safety precautions are to be taken in the mining installations of Object 6:[2]

a. One hermetically sealed gas-proof chamber is to be built for each Schacht.

b. In every Revier there is to be a safety chamber (in Schacht 241, which has 7 Reviere, there were previously only 3 safety chambers).

c. A volunteer squad of 60 men in each Schacht is being formed. These men perform their normal mining functions, but form as a squad and go into action at the first sign of trouble. Formerly no such action could be taken without authority by telephone (which took up to an hour to get) from Schacht headquarters.

d. The central safety/rescue team at Object level has now been assigned to Schacht level. A full-time squad of 12 men now live and work in the area of each Schacht.

e. The insulating material for switches is being replaced. The material formerly used (Pertinax) was found to be nonresistant to a a high degree of humidity.

6. Prospecting Areas

The following have previously been reported as areas in which prospecting was taking place and shafts being sunk. This prospecting was based on the calculations of the Object's Russian geologists.

Gottesberg

Rebesgruen

Treuen

No uranium ore whatever has been located in these areas. A geologist from Moscow visited the sites in August, and the equipment is now being dismantled.

7. Production

The intention to overfulfil the 1955 production plan for 1955 by 30% by 5 December 1955 is very unlikely to be achieved.

8. Schaechte 277 and 362

These Schaechte fulfilled by 100% their production norms for August 1955 for high grade ore. The norms for September are 15% lower than for October. Plans for October in Schacht 277 are:-

Gallery advance	3,250 meters
Geological testing	1,675 meters
Mine exploitation	13,050 sq. meters
Production of high grade ore -- so-called Kistenerz (ore to be packed in boxes)	6,625 boxes

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Plans for October in Schacht 362 are:

Gallery advance	3,000 meters
Geological testing	1,500 meters
Mine exploitation	12,000 sq. meters
Production of Kistenerz	6,030 boxes

9. Kombinat 241

August: Kistenerz: 3,015 boxes (this figure is very low since poor ore was being worked)

September: Kistenerz: norm is 4,470 boxes: expected to be fulfilled by 105%

October: Gallery advance: 2,000 meters

Geological testing: 1,000 meters

Mine exploitation: 9,000 sq. meters

Object 96

10. Russians: Schacht 269

Official in charge of ventilation	Milnichenko
Surveyor	Sheglakov
Schacht chief	Kuznetsov

1. [redacted] Comment: Source believes that the appointment of Germans to these posts formerly held by Russians is common throughout Wismut. He comments that this partially fulfills the letter of the description of Wismut as a Russian/German joint company, but that, in fact, Russian control is still absolute. 25X1

2. [redacted] a circular directive signed by Alexandrov, Chief Engineer of Wismut, East Germany which made it clear that the innovations apply to all Wismut Schaechte. 25X1

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