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a four-page report, with 25X1 a one-sheet sketch, concerning the thermal power plant at Komlo. The report and sketch give the location of the two plants and of various installations in the area. The report does not include any information as to production or number of employees.

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THERMAL POWER PLANT AND COAL GRADING PLANT AT KOMLO 25X1

1. In a valley which branches out at MECSEKPÖLÖSKE, just before reaching KOMLO, a large and absolutely up-to-date Coal Grading (sorting) Plant has been built along the DOMBOVAR-MECSEKJANOS-KOMLO railway line.

2. In order to provide a site for this plant the valley, which at that point is about 180 m. wide, was filled up. The brook KASZANYAPATAK was covered up and now flows underground. Building operations commenced in 1950 or 1951 and were completed in 1955.

3. This Coal Grading Plant (fig.6 on the attached sketch) is a four storey high building equipped with rubber conveyor belts. The separation of the coal from the rubble is done by air. An elevator is attached to the building, leading up to the top of the hill (fig. 6/A). The sorting capacity of the plant is 4000 tons daily.

4. Round the building there are several (9 or 10) narrow-gauge electric rail tracks (marked with small x on sketch) two of which lead into the deep adit (fig.5).

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A small platform roofed with ferro-concrete (fig.7/A) has been built next to the bath-house (fig.7). From this platform the miners take the trucks which run to the shafts. The bath-house is a four storey high building built on the side of the hill.

5. The management of the Trust is housed in a new building (fig.4) on the road leading from KOMLO to the settlement at KÖKÖNYÖS; the road continues via MANFA to PECS. The managements of the mines KOSSUTH, ANNA, ZOBAK and No.III are housed in two or three 3-storied houses (fig.8) along a road branching out of the KOMLO-KÖKÖNYÖS road near the deep adit.

6. The maintenance and repair service of the grading plant is carried out by the SZERELÖIPARI NEMZETI VALLALAT (National Industrial Assembling Enterprise), which has a large workshop (fig.12) on the above mentioned branch road. The repair and upkeep of the pit tracks is also undertaken by this firm. (These trucks were built in PECSSZENTLÖRINC and by DUCLOS BANYAGEPGYAR ('DUCLOS' Mine Machinery Factory) in BUDAPEST. Fig.12/A is a workshop belonging to the plant.

7. On the hill top behind the baths are two hostels, for the men (fig.10) and women (fig.11) working on the site. Fig.9 is a wired off site with barracks, where convicts were previously housed while working on the surface building operations. In April 1955 these barracks were not in use.

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8. East of the KOMLO-KÖKÖNYÖS road is the new Town Hall (fig.1) and a new hotel (fig.2). Both buildings were completed in 1955. Fig.18 marks the town KOMLO.

9. The DOMBOVÁR-MECSEKJÁNOS-KOMLO railway line (fig.3), which is double tracked from MECSEKJÁNOS to KOMLO, ends at KOMLO station (fig.14) in several sidings. This station is at the foot of HÁSMÁNY mountain. Fig.13 marks the site of the old Coal Grading Plant which was demolished in 1952.

10. The new modern Electric Power Plant (fig.17) was built in 1952. Its new high chimney was completed in 1954. Fig.17/A marks the old Power Plant.

11. On the hillside there are a number of small white houses (fig.15) built about 1936 for the miners and their families. Fig.16 is the old miners' settlement called SZENT-ILLE.

12. The church and the adjoining cinema (fig.21) are built just at the foot of the HÁSMÁNY mountain. Near the church is a triangulation point No.51. In front of the church and cinema is the main square of KOMLO. This is a central station for various 'bus routes connecting the neighbouring villages and towns. About 30 'buses were engaged in this service in the spring of 1955.

13. At the top of the mountain is another hostel for the men (fig.19) and the house of the Chief Engineer (fig.20).

14. The ANNA mine-shaft (fig.24) is surrounded by a barbed wire fence, since in the spring of 1955 all the work in this mine was done by prisoners and by military labour.

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