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1. The Soviet AG Auto-Velo includes the following enterprises:

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Soviet AG Auto-Velo vormalts BMW, Eisenach.  
Walther und Co., Muhlhausen, knitting needles and bicycles  
Simson, Suhl, bicycles, hunting weapons, baby carriages  
Mifa, Sangerhausen, bicycles  
Diamant, Chemnitz, bicycles  
Fichtel und Sachs, Reichenbach, bicycle motors, free wheeling,  
automotive clutches, particularly the F & S Mecano and the  
F & S Komet.

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2. Monthly production of BMW is 240 BMW sedans, type 321 (2  
liter, 1 carburetor, 45 HP, 1030 kilograms net weight), and  
300 motorcycles, type R35 (350 cc, 1 cylinder, 14 HP, 155  
kilogram net weight, four-speed gear, hand shift). The  
bulk of the production goes to the Russians but part is  
exported to other countries. In July 1947, a single shipment  
of 606 motorcycles was made to Poland; sedans and motorcycles  
are exported to Sweden, Switzerland, and Belgium. Exports  
to Sweden and Switzerland have decreased, however, because  
both countries consider BMW products good but outmoded.

3. The firms supplying BMW (Zubringerbetriebe) include Melas,  
Eisenach, a Land-owned enterprise formerly belonging to  
Schwarz, producing electrical car equipment (its former  
production of dynamo flashlights was prohibited by the  
Russians at the end of 1947); Ehrlich, Gotha, a Land-owned  
firm producing gears for BMW only; and Wilhelm Naber in  
Thal near Eisenach, a Land-owned firm producing rivets for  
BMW and nails for general sale.

4. In addition to the Naber firm, there is only one other nail  
factory in operation in the Russian Zone, the state-owned plant,  
E. Goes, Neuwerth, located between Arenshausen and  
Kirchgandern (near Heiligenstadt). Both work exclusively  
for the Russians or for German firms which can provide them  
with the necessary raw materials. Plans to set up a third

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nail factory as a subsidiary of Maximilianhütte in Unterwellenborn had been made but had not been implemented by the beginning of May 1948.

5. The Waggon-Fabrik Lindner in Ammerndorf near Halle produces freight cars for delivery to Russia. Several hundred freight cars with Russian-gauge wheels were shipped to the USSR in March 1948.

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