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1. General.

The original Oswald Kunsch plants are those located at Rasberg. During the German rearmament period prior to 1939, the new and much larger works were built at Silbitz. After the war the management and administration moved from Rasberg to Silbitz, where they also remained when the firm was acquired by SAG Marten.

2. Personalities.

a. Russian Generaldirektion, Thale (Harz):

General Director: Skkap, fmu)
Chief Engineer: Pushkov, fmu) All Soviet nationals.
Chief Bookkeeper: Traskov, fmu)

b. Stahlwerk Silbitz:

1) Soviet nationals:

General Director: Pokrovski, fmu
Chief Engineer: Savkin, fmu

2) German nationals:

Chief Director (techn.); Josef Gleitz (without party affiliation)
Business Manager: Hans Wucherpennig (without party affiliation)
Chief Engineer: Sedlaczek, fmu (without party affiliation)

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Head of the Plants' Trade Union: Paul Henkel [redacted]
 Cultural Director: Walter Fritzsche [redacted]
 Head of the Research Institute: Dipl. Ing. Dr. Pack [redacted]

c. Stahlwerk Rasberg:

Plant Manager: Ing. Woykoss. fnu [redacted]

3. Registration and Assets.

The SAG Marton concerns Silbitz and Rasberg are registered as State-owned joint-stock companies at Halle/Saale with 3 directors, Volkov, Dabidov and Poppov, whose names are still shown in the commercial register although they have been replaced by the board shown at 2 a above.

4. Personnel.

The Stahlwerk Silbitz employs 1,960 workmen and the Stahlwerk Rasberg employs 400. Approximately 500 employees are members of the SED.

5. Production.

a. Cast steel blocks, castings, wheels, and forged steel machine parts.

b. Planned and actual production for both plants from January to August 1951 in tons:

Month	Blocks		Castings		Wheels		Forgings	
	Plan.	Act.	Plan.	Act.	Plan.	Act.	Plan.	Act.
Jan.	700	1,156	1,400	1,352	450	450	120	129
Feb.	600	1,484	1,400	1,407	350	41	110	173
Mar.	700	1,341	1,450	1,325	450	-	120	173
Apr.	1,000	1,320	1,750	1,260	150	124	140	198
May	1,000	1,305	1,550	935	150	280	140	157
Jun.	1,000	2,463	1,600	951	500	146	140	159
Jul.	1,500	2,026	1,700	905	-	201	160	153
Aug.	1,500	2,150	1,750	1,077	-	175	180	164
Total	8,000	13,245	12,600	9,212	2,050	1,425	1,110	1,306
Percentage:	166%		73%		69.5%		118%	

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6. Raw Materials.

- a. The average monthly quantity of pig iron imported from the USSR is 1500 tons and of tool steel 2 tons. Delivery is effected via Brest-Litovsk to Frankfurt/Oder where the railroad cars are relabeled and new freight bills are issued. The name of the supplier and the place of origin cannot, therefore, be determined.
- b. Irregular deliveries of scrap iron are received from the Volkshandelszentrale Schrott, Berlin NW 7, Universitätsstr. 2-3a. After lengthy negotiations it delivered 3,000 tons of scrap iron in August, and, at a meeting held on 25 September 1951, undertook to deliver 3,500 tons per month after October 1951, insofar as available, at the following prices (F.O.R.).

Quality 0	at DM 29.50	per ton)	
" 13	at DM 33.50	" ")	suitable for electric furnaces
" 13a	at DM 35.50	" ")	

- c. An allocation of manganese ore [redacted] will be made to the plant when it arrives in the DDR. The delay in delivery is ascribed to lack of 50X1-HUM shipping space.
- d. Apart from scrap iron, the following ferroalloys are in short supply: molybdenum, wolfram and vanadium. The last delivery of molybdenum was made to the works about August when they received an allocation of 1 ton from the "Staatsreserve". Recent negotiations with Schneider, Inu, and Jahnke, Inu, of the State Secretariat for Material Procurement, Leipzigerstr. 5-7, Berlin, elicited the fact that neither molybdenum nor wolfram would be available for delivery for some time to come but small quantities of vanadium might be delivered by Base Technab, Supply Office, Berlin-Lichtenberg.
- e. Other items in short supply are cables, chains, and saw blades, which were formerly imported [redacted]. The cables are now 50X1-HUM supplied by VVB TEWA, VEB Drahtseilwerk, Wurzen (formerly A.W. Kanis), Saxony, and VEB Metallwaren- und Drahtwerke, Rothenburg, while the chains are supplied by VVB TEWA VEB Ketten- und Nagelwerk (formerly Nollische Werk) Weissenfels/Saale, but in insufficient quantity and inferior quality.

7. Customers.

- a. The plants are only indirectly concerned with reparation orders and do not export to the USSR or Orbit countries.
- b. Steel Blocks
- 1) The main customer is Eisen- und Hüttenwerke, Thale, which takes about 1,000 tons per month; the remainder of the production would normally be taken by Kupfer- und Messingwerke, Hettstedt. The latter plant has temporarily reduced its requirements pending the arrival of new molds which it has asked the SAG Marten to provide.**
 - 2) Krupp-Gruson, Magdeburg, was being supplied with approximately 800 tons per month up to July 1951, but no further deliveries will be made to it during 1951 as its requirements are sufficiently covered and its output is at present restricted by the break-down of a steel forgings press.

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c. Steel Castings.

These are supplied to

1) The following plants of SAG AMO:

- Maschinenfabrik Buckau, Magdeburg;
- Krupp-Gruson, Magdeburg;
- Henry Pels, Erfurt;
- Otto Gruson & Co., Magdeburg;
- Peniger Maschinenfabrik;
- Zemag, Zeitz.

2) Other customers:

- SAG Marten Eisen- und Hüttenwerke, Thale;
- SAG Transmasch Bleichert u. Co. and Unruh & Liebig, Leipzig (parts for cranes and gantries);
- VVB LOWA plants at Bautzen, Babelsberg, Wildau;
- VVB ABUS plants at Halle, Dessau, Saalfeld;
- SAG Brikett Leipzig, mines at Espenhain, Pfännerhall near Halle, Deuben (Krs Weissenfels), Deutzen near Borna.
- Kombinat Borna and Profen (spare parts for excavators and parts for briquette presses).

d. Cast Steel Wheels.

Waggonbau Weimar is at present being supplied with 1,200 railroad car wheels per month. Until the end of 1950, the requirements were 4,000 wheels per month.

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Unruh & Liebig, Leipzig

Neptunwerft, Rostock

Buckau-Wolf, Magdeburg

Krupp-Gruson, Magdeburg

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Sachsenwerk, Niedersedlitz

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(Chrome-molybdenum cast
(steel parts for trench
(excavators, suitable for
(low temperatures to
(-45° C.

Cast steel parts for floating cranes.

Cast steel parts for cranes.

Steel castings.

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Excavator parts.

Cast steel parts for rolling mill.

(Cast steel housings
(and accessories for
(special motors.

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- a. 3 Siemens-Martin furnaces, each built for 10-ton capacity and enlarged to 18-ton capacity.
- 2 Electro-furnaces, each with 3-4-ton capacity.
- 1 Electro-arc furnace with 0.5-ton capacity.
- b. The electro-furnaces are at present producing normal steel and Armco iron (deficient in carbon). The latter is delivered to Kupfer und Messingwerke, Hettstedt, for the manufacture of wire. The electro-furnaces are considered suitable for the production of refined steel alloys.

9. Research.

The research department is working on preparations for the founding of refined and stainless steels and for the production of high grade sheet metals.

10. Expansion

The construction of a polyclinic and kindergarten at a cost of DM 500,000 was started during this year and the purchase of new machinery to the value of 1.4 million DM is planned for 1952.

11. Armament Production.

The SAG Marten Silbitz and Rasberg plants are not at present engaged in the production of armaments and, so far as is known, no preparations are on hand, nor measures contemplated, to introduce armament production. It is, however, estimated that the change-over could be effected without difficulty because, prior to 1945, the plants were producing 8.8, 10.5, 15 and 21 cm. shells and 50 kg bombs (all of cast steel).

* Comment: the Nollische Werk (Ketten-und Nagelwerk) Weissenfels is the only producer of chains in the DDR.

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** Comment: the Thale and Hettstedt plants of SAG Marten also receive steel blocks (quantities unknown) from Stahl- und Eisenwerk, Frankleben, G. Krauthelm, Chemnitz, and VVB Stahlwerk, Brandenburg.

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