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- Between 20 September and 13 December 1953, a copper smelter was under construction two km southwest of Liegnitz, on the southeast side of the highway to Goldberg. The Liegnitz streetcar line system was extended [] smelter. Since the ceremony held on [] the first furnace was attended by the [] was believed that the installation was [] the Polish Ministry for the Mining Industry. By late 1953, only half of the workshops of the smelter were completed []
In early December 1953, the first furnace which was called Mir Borsa, allegedly a Soviet copy of an American design, was started at a temperature of 900°C in order to dry the fire clay lining of the furnace.

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- The area of the smelter measured about 1,000 x 800 meters. In December 1953, 5 administration buildings with laboratories and 1 foundry plant with the furnace mentioned were completed. Two other furnaces were still under construction. Also completed was a storage depot for construction materials, while a workshop about 120x30 meters was still under construction. The smelter had railroad connection. No factory power station was available.
- Between September and December 1953, individual shipments of copper ore arrived at the smeltery from Wolfsdorf (Wilkow) (O 52/B 70) near Goldberg where a copper mine had been reopened. Many forced laborers were employed at this mine. The production of copper ingots which had the shape of half-cylinders 120 cm long and 12 cm in diameter was started in December 1953. No outgoing copper shipments were noticed during the reported period.
- The smelter was surrounded partly by a barbed-wire fence and partly by a board fence. Eastern side []

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- The area of the smelter measured about 1,000 x 800 meters. In December 1953, 5 administration buildings with laboratories and 1 foundry plant with the furnace mentioned were completed. Two other furnaces were still under construction. Also completed was a storage depot for construction materials, while a workshop about 120x30 meters was still under construction. The smelter had railroad connection. No factory power station was available.
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- The smelter was surrounded partly by a barbed-wire fence and partly by a board fence. Factory police were employed for the guarding of the installation.

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