

Top Responsibilities after Jan. 31, 1944

After the legal structure of the firm had been changed by virtue of the Lex Krupp in December 1943, a "strictly confidential" circular, dated Essen 31 Jan. 1944, and signed by the new owner, the defendant Krupp, was distributed to 12 individuals, including defendants Krupp, Janssen, Houdremont, Erich Mueller, Ihn, Eberhardt, Pfirsch and Korschan. It contained, among other, the following "Regulations for the Directorate of the firm Fried.Krupp":

(In this opinion, the "Directorate" is sometimes referred to as "Direktorium")

"According to the statute of the family enterprise Fried.Krupp, Sec.V, par.2, the owner of the family enterprise alone carries the responsibility for and is the leader of the entire firm. To ease this burden the owner appoints a board of managers which will be given the title of "The Directorate." For this Board I lay down the following routine:

1. The members of the Directorate manage their own spheres of the business independently. They are responsible to me for their management. Together with me they form the management of the firm.

2. For the time being the spheres of business are managed as follows:

- a) General: Prof. Dr. Forens.
- b) Trade and Administration: Dr. Janssen.

Deputy members of the Directorate:

Ihn: Matters concerning the employees
Eberhardt: Machine factories, sales dept.
Dr. Rademacher - Steel works, sales dept.
Pfirsch - Chief Branch Office Berlin

- c) Raw Materials : Dr. Fritz Mueller
- d) Foundries and machine factories: Prof. Dr.Houdremont

Deputy members of the Directorate:

Dr. Lwowski: F.A.H. (Friedrich Alfred Huette)
Dr. Korschan: Berthawerk

- e) A.K. : Prof. Dr.Erich Mueller

The members of the Directorate are given by me power of attorney for the firm of Fried.Krupp.

3. All matters of importance must be submitted to me as well as to the members of the Directorate for a decision.

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5. Every member of the Directorate can grant credits up to 5.000 RM. Above 5.000 RM a decision by the management of the firm is necessary."