

Timeline

Historical development of the site and use of the buildings at the Wendenschloßstraße 142 - 158 from 1883 to 2017

- 1883

German Patent Linoleum Factory, then Aktiengesellschaft (AG). The factory site was nearly 200,000 square meters, of which over 81,000 square meters with factory buildings for the drying, storage and shipping of linoleum.

- 1937

Takeover and purchase of the decommissioned factory by the company founded in 1934 for electroacoustic and mechanical apparatus mbH (GEMA). Devices for radar technology, sonar systems and ship control systems were mainly developed and produced on behalf of the Navy. The entire documentation was subject to strict secrecy until 1945 and has been largely destroyed. A detailed description of the GEMA can be found in the book "GEMA - Berlin," Birthplace of German Radar and Sonar ", author Harry von Kroge

- 1945

The GEMA works were put under administration of the Soviet military administration in Germany (SMAD). The company now operates under the name of the Scientific and Technical Office of the Ministry of Shipping Industry of the USSR (MSP) and produced ship guidance systems and electronic measuring devices.

- 1949

Handover to the GDR and transformation into a state-owned enterprise (VEB) with the name VEB Funkwerk Köpenick. The product range included the development and production of communications technology for ships, then radio and television transmitters, receivers and transmitters for short, long and boundary wave, transceivers of VHF technology, train radio and radio telephony equipment (URTES), antennas of various applications and frequencies, including on the Berlin TV tower.

The main plant included the operational parts Dabendorf and Calbe, where amongst other things manufactured the receivers of the EKD

series, hand - held radio transceivers and the SEG series. The radio container KFC 1300 with several radio systems found inter alia Use on the Antarctic Research Station (see extra article in the radio journal).

- 1989

The VEB Funkwerk-Köpenick has been converted into the legal form of a limited liability company (GmbH) and registered in the commercial register as Funkwerk Köpenick GmbH. In 1992, Deutsche Telefonwerke (DeTeWe) acquired the company and renamed it DeTeWe Funkwerk Köpenick GmbH. The factory operation was finally dissolved and some buildings demolished.

The subregion for production of large transmitters subgroup was taken over by the Rohde & Schwarz GmbH & Co. KG group and became FTK Funktechnik Köpenick GmbH in September 1992. After the move to the science and business location Adlershof the demolition of the building took place

The electroplating on the banks of the Dahme used at times a sanitary wholesale, later the building materials trade Raab Karcher and the sports club Box-Gym Köpenick. After vacancy also here was the demolition. The building for prefabrication, technology and dining rooms, as well as the administration building on the Wendenschloßstraße are empty.

The new building on Charlottenstraße is still used as a Business Center several companies. On the open space are the discounter Penny and the outer walls of the experimental tower with outbuilding for flak systems of the GEMA.

From the customer service (service, repair, training) of the former VEB Funkwerk-Köpenick the company ELKOplus emerged. These realized control centers for fire brigade and emergency services of the authorities for order and safety tasks (BOS) and the technical structure of the system technology of the mobile telephone operators inclusive aerial plants.

The production was discontinued in 1990/91, the devices exported in the GDR in 41 years and in 61 countries (see list in the radio journal) are mainly used by radio amateurs, except in a few commercial stations. This explains the need for spare parts and the daily requests from all over the world.