

End of Steel Production in Dortmund-

Change of a Huge Plant Area

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This was the view in the district Dortmund-Hörde. The tall chimney, called „Flame of Hörde“ was the landmark of this district.



Phönix Ost – a steel plant with about 40 000 workers in best times

2001 was the end of steel production at „Phoenix East“ by the company Thyssen –Krupp after a period of 160 years



28. april 2001: last melting of steel



Parts of industrial plant was dismantled by a chinese partner and shipped to China. Only a few machines were built up there, those whose estimated time for correct work was more than 3 years.



A lot of buildings and machines were left at Phoenix Ost.
2003 the rest of the buildings had been destroyed.



Many, many diggers worked in the recent plant to crush the stones and transport the waste to other places.



The industrial plant ground measures about 98 ha = 0,98 km² in total.



For years there seemed to be no progress in work.



Mud, slam but no more ruins after 5 years of work.



Work went on - forming a profile for the new terrain.



The terrain in 2008. Nobody who does not know about the plans for the future could guess what there will be here two years later.



Lots of sand – for little hills in a park?



2.500.000 m³ of sand were mooved. For new parkings? Or?



For what purpose?



A hilly landscape in October 2009. Why are there marks?



October 2010: Gras on the hills, walkways for recreation and ???



In the same region a tool of the steel production, the so-called „Thomas Birne“ of 68 t, a height of 7 m and a diameter of 4m - a relict of the industrial age in Dortmund-Hörde.

Tomorrow at lunch time a bus will take us to this place and we will have a picnic there!

Then you will get to know how the ground of the former steel plant looks like today !