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Press release

Successful Signing of Revolving Syndicated Guarantee Facility A-TEC subsidiary AE&E signed a contract with KBC Bank

Vienna, 8 August 2008. On 5th August, Austrian Energy & Environment (AE&E) successfully completed and signed a EUR 700 million Syndicated Guarantee Facility with KBC Bank NV as sole Mandated Lead Arranger and Bookrunner.

The EUR 700 million Bank Guarantee Facility has a maturity of 3 years with two extension options. The purpose of the Facility is to issue new and replace existing bank guarantees, sureties and letters of credit to be used in the ordinary course of day-to-day trading.

Total guarantee facilities (including the Syndicated Facility) signed for AE&E amount to approximately EUR 1.1 billion. This amount is sufficient to cover the Company's mid-term requirements of its fast-growing power business. Apart from KBC Bank as MLA and bookrunner the bank syndicate comprises a number of well-known international banks, which guarantees for a worldwide coverage.

AE&E is a leading international supplier of thermal power generation and environmental technology systems, specialising in the design and production of steam generators, flue gas cleaning systems, thermal waste treatment plants and services.

AE&E is a subsidiary of A-TEC Industries AG. The company, which has its headquarters in Austria, is characterised by 150 years of experience, international know-how and the highest levels of technological competence. It employs around 4,500 staff with global operations in Europe, Far East, Australia, India, North and South America.

In 2007, AE&E generated revenues of EUR 1.05 billion with an EBIT of EUR 75.8 million.

Austrian Energy & Environment

Austrian Energy & Environment AG, headquartered in Vienna, Austria, is one of the leading international suppliers of thermal generation and environmental systems. The group's product portfolio encompasses boilers and boiler plants, flue gas cleaning systems, energy from waste plants, turnkey biomass and industrial plants, and coal gasification units and valves, as well as services from engineering design through to modernisation and modification, and plant operation. The group employs some 4,500 people in Vienna and Graz (Austria), Zurich (Switzerland), Cologne, Ratingen and Nuremberg (Germany), Brno (Czech Republic), Paris (France), Bilbao and Madrid (Spain), Slavonski Brod (Croatia), Moscow (Russia), Norcross (USA), Shanghai and Nanjing (China), Chennai (India), Sao Paulo (Brazil) and Sydney (Australia). It is owned by A-TEC Industries AG.

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About A-TEC Industries

Vienna listed A-TEC Industries AG is an international industrial group, headquartered in Vienna, with thriving Drive Technologies, Plant Construction, Mechanical Engineering and Minerals & Metals divisions. The group currently employs around 13,800 people, and in 2007 posted revenue some EUR 2.4 billion.

KBC

KBC is the second largest Bancassurer in Belgium. It is the 18th largest bank in Europe and a leading financial player in Central and Eastern Europe. KBC's headquarters are located in Brussels. The KBC group is present in more than 35 countries worldwide, employs 57 000 staff and caters for 11 million customers. KBC GROUP NV is listed on NYSE EURONEXT and the Luxembourg Stock Exchange.

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