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## Press release

### Breakthrough for AE&E in new O&M market segment

#### AE&E undertakes operation and maintenance of new plant in Moerdijk, Netherlands

Vienna, 10 October 2008 – Following the start-up of a biomass plant in Moerdijk, in the Netherlands, Austrian Energy & Environment (AE&E) Group – a subsidiary of the Vienna-listed A-TEC Industries Group and a leading supplier of thermal power generation and environmental technologies – has further expanded its activities in the promising operation and maintenance (O&M) market. After winning O&M contracts from energy from waste plants in France, AE&E is now taking on full responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the first poultry litter fired biomass power plant in continental Europe. The facility, built by a consortium of AE&E and Siemens, will generate electricity from an annual 400,000 tonnes of poultry litter.

“The new biomass plant has met with a highly positive response. The Environment minister praised the advanced technology from AE&E in her inaugural address, and stressed that the Netherlands is aiming to build a second facility of this type, as a minimum,” said AE&E Group CEO Georg Gasteiger, commenting on the start-up of the plant. Highlighting the importance of the project for the entire Group, he added: “This O&M contract is a milestone for our operation and maintenance activities. This reference, and the experience gained from this pathfinding plant will have a highly positive impact on the development of our new O&M business.”

The Moerdijk biomass plant is the first power station in continental Europe to be fired by poultry litter. Waste from agriculture and animal husbandry is available in ample amounts, and new technology has made it an ideal fuel for energy production. The Moerdijk biomass plant is making a significant contribution to environmental protection by disposing of waste and generating electricity.

AE&E and Siemens built the 36 MW<sub>el</sub> power station. The EUR 100 million contract was for the entire engineering design work, and for the delivery, construction and commissioning of the plant and all ancillary equipment. The facility was ordered by the project company, BMC Moerdijk BV, in which AE&E holds a ten percent stake. About 25 AE&E employees are currently at work at the site.

#### About Austrian Energy & Environment

Austrian Energy & Environment AG, headquartered in Vienna, Austria, is one of the world's leading suppliers of thermal power generation and environmental technology. The group's product portfolio includes boilers and boiler plants, flue gas purification systems, energy from waste facilities, combined cycle power stations, boiler pressure parts, coal gasifier components, valves, and services ranging from engineering and modernisation to modification and plant operation. The group employs some 4,700 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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