

Press release

A-TEC Industries puts new anode furnace into operation EUR 22m investment successfully completed at Krompachy location

Brixlegg, 11 November 2008. Following a short trial operation, Montanwerke Brixlegg, part of the Division Minerals & Metals of A-TEC Industries quoted on the Vienna Stock Exchange, has now fully placed into operation its new anode furnace at the location of Kovohuty a. s., Krompachy in Slovakia. With this investment, which totals EUR 22m, Montanwerke Brixlegg has created the basis for further strengthening its presence in the Eastern and South-Eastern European market. The new anode furnace is capable of producing approximately 100,000 t of anodes per annum, with a copper share of approximately 99%. By using electrolysis, highly purified copper with a share of 99.99% is gained from the furnace at the Brixlegg location.

The furnace meets the latest technological standards, thereby making anode production possible with a minimum environmental impact: a completely closed water circulation system for cooling and wastewaters was integrated with corresponding purification steps, which almost fully avoids the emission of pollutants. Furthermore, the innovative furnace technology limits emerging carbon monoxide to practically zero in a generously designed afterburning system. Within the framework of a further optimisation, the steam resulting from this process will in future be converted into electric power (2 MW), which, as a consequence, will be fed into the plant network again.

The entire anode furnace plant consists of a furnace, an afterburning chamber, a boiler, an air pre-heater, a filter and a casting wheel. Furthermore, Montanwerke Brixlegg made further investments, such as halls, a crane as well as storage areas into the location's infrastructure. The construction time of the entire anode plants amounted to approximately 18 months.

About Montanwerke Brixlegg AG

Montanwerke Brixlegg Aktiengesellschaft, headquartered in Brixlegg/Tyrol, generated a turnover of EUR 558.8m in the fiscal year 2007, employing approximately 287 persons at the Brixlegg location, and approximately 263 employees at the Krompachy location in Slovakia.

Find out more on the Internet at www.montanwerke-brixlegg.com

About A-TEC Industries AG

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

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