



Press release

A-TEC to sell its oxygen-free copper plant

Vienna, 14 January 2008 – A-TEC Industries AG, Vienna, is to sell its oxygen-free (OF) copper plant in Brixlegg to outside investors at the earliest possible opportunity.

“In comparison with our competitors, the capacity of our existing OF plant – roughly 9,000 tonnes a year – is exceedingly small,” says Mirko Kovats, CEO of A-TEC Industries. “Nonetheless, we have decided to sell the plant. We are happy that in this way we can allay any fears on the part of users of copper in Germany that A-TEC is intending to use its 13% interest in Norddeutsche Affinerie AG to build up a dominant position in the market for OF copper.”

A-TEC Industries has already informed the German Federal Cartel Office in Bonn of its intentions in writing.

A-TEC would even sell the entire foundry, if this proved to be necessary in order to remove competition law concerns.

“Free market competition is the most important pillar of the social market economy,” says Kovats, “which is why A-TEC Industries fully supports the efforts of the Federal Cartel Office.”

About A-TEC Industries

Vienna stock exchange listed A-TEC Industries AG is an international industrial group headquartered in Vienna, with flourishing Drive Technologies, Plant Construction, Mechanical Engineering and Metals Industry divisions. The group currently employs around 13,500 people, and in 2006 posted revenue of EUR 1.6 billion.

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