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Large contract win for AE&E Group in Czech Republic

Turnkey flue gas desulphurisation unit

Vienna, 26 September 2008 – Austrian Energy & Environment (AE&E) — the international supplier of thermal power generation and environmental systems that makes up the Plant Construction Division of the Vienna listed A-TEC Industries Group — has won a major order for a turnkey flue gas desulphurisation (FGD) unit at the Ledvice coal-fired power station, about 80 kilometres north of Prague. The order from Škoda Praha Invest — a subsidiary of the Czech CEZ energy group — is AE&E's third contract win in a row from this client, after supplying equipment for the Prunerov und Tušimice power plants.

“This order is further proof of our position as one of Europe's leading suppliers of flue gas purification equipment. We are constantly at work on developing customised systems and solutions that enable our clients to generate power highly efficiently whilst also minimising emissions“, said AE&E CEO Georg Gasteiger. He added: “Ledvice is the third contract in a row that we have won from our Czech business partners, and reflects clients' satisfaction with AE&E equipment. We will continue to invest a lot of effort in our customer relationships in the Central and Eastern Europe, so as to consolidate our market position in the region.”

Cooperation between AE&E Group companies

AE&E AG & Co KG, based in Raaba, Graz, will act as the lead contractor, and subcontracts will go to AE&E subsidiaries. AE&E Lentjes Ratingen will be responsible for the limestone and gypsum handling equipment, while AE&E Lentjes Praha will undertake the structural engineering. Cooperation between its subsidiaries enables AE&E to act as a one-stop supplier.

The order comprises the engineering, construction, supply and installation of the turnkey FGD unit as well as ancillary equipment such as the flue gas, limestone suspension and gypsum dewatering systems. The plant is due to be commissioned near the end of 2012.

Low emissions thanks to state-of-the-art technology

The use of FGD systems means that the gas mixture (flue gas) that arises during combustion is desulphurised as far as is technically feasible, minimising pollution from power generation. The desulphurisation efficiency of the new AE&E FGD unit at the Ledvice coal-fired power station will be over 97 percent. This will reduce SO₂ emissions by more than 107,000 tonnes/year, helping to improve air quality throughout the entire region.



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Austrian Energy & Environment AG, headquartered in Vienna, Austria, is one of the world's leading suppliers of thermal power generation and environmental systems. 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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