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A-TEC Industries AG posts strong revenue and earnings growth in first three quarters of 2005

- **Rapid expansion continuing**
- **Sharp increases in revenue and earnings**
- **Revenue to pass billion euro mark in 2005**

Vienna, 21 November 2005 – Vienna based multinational drive system, plant engineering, metallurgy and machine tool group A-TEC Industries AG achieved marked improvements in all significant performance indicators over the first nine months of 2005. As the group's Emco subsidiary was not consolidated in 2004 like-for-like year-on-year comparisons are not possible; this is the last such period.

Acquisitions and organic growth took revenue for the first three quarters of 2005 to EUR 753 million (m) — more than the total for the whole of 2004 (EUR 723m).

Earnings performance for the first nine months of this year was also highly satisfactory. Every earnings measure had reached all-year 2004 levels by the end of the period. Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) were EUR 43.7m (2004: 39.2m), and at EUR 30m earnings before interest and tax (EBIT) were likewise well above the EUR 26.6m recorded in 2004 as a whole.

A-TEC Industries also registered rapid growth in profit on ordinary activities (POA) during the first three quarters. The EUR 23.9m result was equal to POA for 2004 as a whole. The operating profit is fully comparable as none of the extraordinary expenses and income of the Spanish subsidiary Babcock Power España are included in the amount.

The entire current financial year has been hallmarked by rapid expansion, and results fully reflect the group's goal of growth accompanied by further improvements in earnings. Commenting on the figures A-TEC Industries CEO Mirko Kovats said: "During the first nine months we have expanded in line with our objectives, and strengthened our various businesses. In the light of group companies' excellent order backlog we see revenue for 2005 as a whole topping the billion euro mark for the first time, and believe that equity and reserves are already in excess of EUR 100m. All our profits for 2005 will be reinvested."

Financial highlights

Summary income statement (EUR m)

	2004*	Q1–Q3 2005
Revenue	723.0	753
EBITDA	39.2	43.7
EBIT	26.6	30
POA	25.8	23.9

* Excluding Emco (was only included in balance sheet consolidation, not the income statement)

About A-TEC Industries

A-TEC Industries AG is a privately owned, Vienna based international industrial group with successful global drive systems, plant engineering, metallurgical and machine tool operations. The group currently employs around 10,000 people in Austria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Italy, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland and the UK, as well as Australia, China, India and the USA.

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