

## PRESS RELEASE

### **ATB Austria Antriebstechnik AG enters the New Year with a strong management team**

Spielberg, December 12, 2005. ATB Austria Antriebstechnik AG, which is listed on the Vienna Stock Exchange and is based in the upper Styrian town of Spielberg, has announced changes to its Managing Board. With effect from January 31, 2006, COO Adolf Hollmann is to enter a well-earned retirement and thus leave the Board. He is to be replaced by Christian Uhlik. In addition, CFO Günter Görden, is also to leave the Board and his assignments will be assumed by Christine Forster from the sister company Roll Inova.

In Christian Uhlik, an internationally experienced manager has been found, who not only presides over the necessary technical know-how, but also comprehensive international experience in the areas of expansion and restructuring, which he has obtained in executive positions at a number of Austrian and German production companies. Company CEO, Christian Schmidt, is clearly delighted by the appointment of the 48-year-old engineer to the Board, *“Christian Uhlik will provide responsible management for our nine international locations with around 4,000 employees and at the same time will ensure a wind of change that should provide a decisive contribution to achieving our next challenging Group targets, because we have big plans for ATB.”*

Christine Forstner has belonged to the successful team of the A-TEC Industries group of companies for many years and up to now, was on the Board of the Swiss subsidiary of the sister company Austrian Energy & Environment AG. In 2003, she assumed responsibility for financial matters during integration into the plant building group. Now that this phase has been successfully completed, Christine Forstner is to focus on the expansion of ATB Austria Antriebstechnik.

Christian Schmidt is also happy that Günter Görden is to remain within the company, *“As the chairman of the administrative committee, Günter Görden will look after the challenging and extremely important integration of our extremely large Serbian subsidiary, ATB SEVER. He will also employ his extensive expertise for the integration of future acquisitions.”*

Adolf Hollmann will also continue to be available to the company as a consultant and contribute the know-how gathered in the course of 30 years at ATB in Spielberg. Christian Schmidt, *“Adolf Hollmann has been part of today’s ATB since the foundation of the plant in Spielberg in 1974 and has made a major contribution to the company’s impressive success story.”*

**ATB Austria Antriebstechnik AG**

ATB Austria Antriebstechnik AG, which has its headquarters in Spielberg, Austria, and is listed on the Vienna stock exchange, along with its subsidiaries ATB Antriebstechnik in Welzheim/Germany, ATB Motorentchnik in Nordenham/Germany, the THIEN Group in Rankweil/Vorarlberg/Austria, ATB BASTRO s.r.o. in the Czech Republic, ATB SELNI in France, ATB Morley in the UK and ATB Sever a.d. in Serbia and Montenegro, is a leading manufacturer of electrical drive systems for industrial purposes and machines. At present, ATB Austria Antriebstechnik AG has a workforce of around 4,000.

**A-TEC Industries**

A-TEC INDUSTRIES AG is a privately owned, international industrial group based in Vienna, which is a successful, global player in the fields of drive technology, plant building and mechanical engineering. The Group currently employs a workforce of some 7,200 in Austria, Germany, Switzerland, France, the USA, Spain, Italy, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, the UK, Serbia and Montenegro, China and India. In 2004, the four companies within the A-TEC industries Group had total sales of around EUR 1 billion.

Further information is available on the Internet under [www.a-tecindustries.at](http://www.a-tecindustries.at) und [www.atb-motors.com](http://www.atb-motors.com).

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