



PRESS RELEASE

Austrian Energy & Environment Group further expands market position in waste treatment sector

- **Major order for construction of a thermal waste treatment plant in Belgium**
- **Largest order for Swiss Von Roll Inova subsidiary since acquisition by Austrian Energy & Environment**

Raaba/Graz, 10 April 2006. The Swiss Von Roll Inova, a member company of the international Austrian Energy & Environment plant construction group that is headquartered near Graz, has been awarded a contract to construct a thermal waste treatment plant in Lüttich. The volume of this project for the Belgian waste disposal association Intradel, which comprises 72 local municipalities, totals roughly EUR 140 million. The French subsidiary of Von Roll Inova Holding AG, Inova France, S.A., will be the lead company in the consortium, which will serve as the general contractor for the facility. The company is optimistic that it will also be able to win the EUR 15 million contract to operate this plant after its completion in 2009.

The French subsidiary of the Austrian Energy & Environment Group, which has more than 40 years of experience in plant construction and operations, was able to succeed on this significant and prestigious project with an unusual plant concept as well as an economically and ecologically convincing offer. This planned thermal waste treatment plant will be responsible for the handling of all waste from private households and commercial businesses in the region, since the previous plant is no longer able to meet the increased requirements for environmentally compatible and economic operations. Jürgen Wild, CEO of Austrian Energy & Environment AG, explained the scale of this facility: *“The construction of this new plant will guarantee sufficient capacity for the efficient thermal treatment of 320,000 tonnes of waste per year. It will also generate roughly 200,000 MWh of electricity each year, which will be fed into the local network. This represents the energy requirements of 50,000 households”*. The start of construction is planned for August 2007, and test operations are scheduled for the end of 2008.

Together with another order received by Inova France for the delivery of a turnkey plant in Phitiviers (France), Von Roll Inova has already recorded a major part of the order intake budgeted for 2006 after only three months into this year. Christian Schmidt, member of the Supervisory Board of Austrian Energy & Environment and member of the Managing Board of the parent company A-TEC Industries, is highly satisfied with this major order won by the plant construction unit: *“This contract will significantly expand the strong market position of the Austrian Energy & Environment Group in the area of thermal waste treatment. Over the coming months we expect to win further tenders for such projects, which will be required throughout Europe because of the new and more stringent EU regulations.”*

Austrian Energy & Environment

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