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### **A-TEC Industries ready for IPO**

Vienna, 6 November 2006 – A-TEC Industries, the international Vienna-based industrial group specialising in drive systems, plant engineering, metallurgy and machine tools, intends to float its shares on the Vienna Stock Exchange's prime market before the end of the year – assuming the capital markets environment remains favourable. *“It is a major decision, and we have considered it carefully. Direct access to the capital markets gives us added flexibility in the further expansion of the Group's businesses,”* says Mirko Kovats, CEO of A-TEC Industries. The bulk of the shares to be offered will be coming from a capital increase: Mirko Kovats' private foundation intends to continue to be the majority shareholder in the Group after the IPO.

Deutsche Bank has been engaged as the sole global coordinator and bookrunner, and will manage the IPO together with Erste Bank as co-lead manager.

Additional information about A-TEC Industries' stock exchange plans will be published at a later date.

#### **About A-TEC Industries**

A-TEC Industries AG is a privately owned, Vienna-based international industrial group specialising in drive systems, plant engineering, metallurgy and machine tools. The group currently employs around 11,000 people, mainly in Austria, Australia, China, Croatia, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, India, Italy, Poland, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland, the UK and the USA. Consolidated revenue was more than EUR 1 billion in 2005.

For further information visit [www.a-tecindustries.com](http://www.a-tecindustries.com).

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