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### AE&E posts record order backlog

- **Order backlog at an all-time high of around EUR 1.4 billion**
- **Product portfolio extended by alliance with Japanese power station component manufacturer IHI**
- **Japanese technology paired with European power station construction expertise gives AE&E new trump card**

Graz/Tokyo, 5 December 2006. Austrian Energy & Environment (AE&E) — the largest operation in the A-TEC Industries Group — has booked a large number of major export orders over the past few months, taking order backlog to a record level of about EUR 1.4 billion. This breakthrough reflects the success of efforts to turn AE&E into a full-line international energy systems supplier with a comprehensive integrated product and service portfolio by means of organic growth and numerous bolt-on acquisitions. The sharp increase in order intake this year, by about EUR 1 billion, was also driven by increased interest in energy alternatives in developed countries and strong demand for generating capacity in emerging markets. In addition, orders were buoyed by the global trend towards action to protect the environment and the search for efficient industrial power generation solutions.

AE&E, headquartered in Graz, Austria, is one of the world's leading clean energy specialists, and is currently investing in entering promising new lines of business. In line with this policy it has now formed a strategic alliance with Tokyo based power station component supplier IHI — also a leader in its field. Cooperation between the two will focus on the fast-growing coal-fired power station market in Germany where many large plants are planned or already under construction.

The partners are an ideal match for each other, as both are leaders in their core markets and have the strengths European clients are looking for. "AE&E will gain particularly from IHI's wide-ranging technical experience and impressive references in the area of large power station boilers. The link-up will give us the benefit of IHI's strong track record as a manufacturer of boilers for coal-fired power stations, and make us the only full-line supplier of power station systems," said AE&E chief executive Jürgen Wild, commenting on the agreement.

#### **About Austrian Energy & Environment**

Austrian Energy & Environment AG (AE&E), which is domiciled in Raaba, near Graz (Austria), is a leading, European and international supplier of power generation and environmental technology systems, specialising in steam generation, flue gas cleaning and biomass plants. Following the

purchase of Alstom's Industrial Boiler and Plant Business Area, the Group, which also includes the Swiss company, Von Roll Inova and the Spanish Babcock Power España employs a workforce of around 2,500 in Graz and Vienna (Austria), Zurich (Switzerland), Cologne and Nuremberg (Germany), Brno (Czech Republic), Paris (France), Norcross (USA), Bilbao and Madrid (Spain), Shanghai (China), Chennai (India), Sydney (Australia) and Slavonski Brod (Croatia), and is owned by A-TEC Industries AG.

**About A-TEC Industries**

The Vienna listed A-TEC Industries AG is an 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.

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