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PRESS RELEASE

Austrian Energy & Environment captures major order in a consortium with a total value of EUR 100 million

Austrian Energy & Environment to build the largest biomass-fired power plant in the Netherlands for the use of chicken manure as fuel

Raaba/Graz, April 26, 2006. Austrian Energy & Environment AG, an international systems supplier in the thermal power generation and environmental engineering sector, based in Raaba near Graz in Austria, has joined forces in a consortium with Siemens to build a 36 MW_{el} biomass-fired power plant for the utilisation of poultry manure. The customer is the BMC Moerdijk BV project company. Austrian Energy & Environment will also own a roughly 10% share of the plant.

This major project is intended to turn more than 40,000 tonnes of chicken manure from Dutch animal husbandry into electricity every year. The contract, which has a total value of over EUR 100 million of which roughly a half relates to Austrian Energy & Environment, consists of the engineering, supply, assembly and commissioning of the biomass-fired power plant with all the required auxiliary systems.

Convincing environmental technology from Austria

The decisive factor in the allocation of this order to Austrian Energy & Environment were the company's excellent references in the biomass sector and in particular a poultry litter incineration plant in Scotland.

The Moerdijk plant should be completed in 2008, after which, AE&E will undertake the complete running and servicing of the plant within the scope of an Operation & Maintenance agreement.

As CEO Jürgen Wild underlines, *"Apart from our delight concerning the order for this new project, the contract also represents an important milestone regarding the expansion of our Power Plant Operation and Maintenance business area. We offer this to customers as a service and are convinced that it will be of growing importance in the future."*

Austrian Energy & Environment

Austrian Energy & Environment AG (AE&E), with its head office in Raaba near Graz (Austria), is one of the leading international system providers in the area of thermal power generation and environmental technology. The product portfolio includes fluidised bed boiler technology, industrial boilers, liquor recovery boilers, heat recovery steam generators, grate-fired boilers for waste,

biomass and coal combustion, gas cleaning and flue gas desulphurisation, boiler manufacturing, coal gasifiers, valves and services. AE&E offers turnkey solutions ranging from the development, production and assembly of components and facilities up to the start-up and modernisation of plants. The Group, which also includes the Swiss Von Roll Inova and the Spanish Babcock Power España, employs a workforce of 2,150 in Graz and Vienna (Austria), Zurich (Switzerland), 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.

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