



## Press release

### **A-Tec remains committed to the result of negotiations with NA executive board chairman Dr. Marnette but little time remains to implement what it regards as a well balanced agreement**

**Vienna, 17 September 2007** – A-Tec Industries understands that the supervisory board of Norddeutsche Affinerie (NA) does not intend to discuss the recent agreement between NA and A-Tec Industries on further action regarding the planned takeover of Cumerio until its meeting on 24 September. A-Tec remains committed to the negotiated solution arrived at in talks with Dr. Marnette. A-Tec believes that this would be in the best interests of NA's continued progress towards becoming a global leader in the copper industry and would ensure that NA is able to play a key role in the incipient but irreversible consolidation process in the sector.

A-Tec takes its position as the largest shareholder in NA very seriously, and was fully conscious of its responsibilities to the group, its employees and fellow shareholders during the talks with NA's chief executive, which achieved a well balanced result. A-Tec CEO and majority owner Dr. Mirko Kovats hopes that the NA supervisory board will show a similar sense of responsibility when reaching its coming, watershed decision. Dr. Kovats is prepared to enter into direct discussions with the board's chairman. However all concerned should be aware that — if only for takeover law reasons — the window of opportunity for an agreement on the Cumerio acquisition and A-Tec's representation as the largest shareholder in NA could soon close, and that the failure of the talks could not only torpedo the planned merger between NA and Cumerio but also affect NA's stability.

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

Vienna listed and domiciled A-TEC Industries AG is an international industrial group with flourishing Drive Technologies, Plant Construction, Mechanical Engineering and Metal Industry divisions. The group currently employs around 11,000 people, and posted revenue of EUR 1.6 billion in 2006.

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