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### **A-TEC subsidiary Austrian Energy & Environment enters new year with record order backlog**

- **Largest A-TEC Industries Group company books orders worth EUR 400 million**
- **Order backlog at all-time high of EUR 1.6 billion**
- **Large contract from ASA for waste incinerator near Vienna**

Vienna, 26 January 2007 – During the few months since its parent A-TEC Industries AG went public the Austrian Energy & Environment (AE&E) Group has won a number of large international orders worth a total of EUR 400 million (m), to take order backlog to a record EUR 1.6 billion. Order books have more than doubled since the end of 2005 (31 Dec. 2005: EUR 626m), reflecting the strong progress made by the plant engineering group.

This success is due to the expansion of the AE&E Group into a full-line energy system supplier through strategic complementary acquisitions of foreign companies. AE&E has also benefited from the increased demand for alternative — environmentally friendly and decentralised — energy technologies in highly developed countries and the need for additional power generation capacity in fast-growing emerging market economies.

#### **AE&E winning customers in Austria and abroad**

A number of large contract wins by Swiss subsidiary Von Roll Inova pay testimony to AE&E's high level of expertise in waste incineration technology. For instance, the company has been commissioned with the design and construction of a waste incinerator in Zistersdorf, Lower Austria, which will be one of the largest plants of its type in Central Europe. The incinerator, with an annual capacity of 130,000 tonnes of domestic and commercial waste, is due to come on line in autumn 2009. Another major milestone is the contract for the construction of a waste incinerator in Cleveland, as it is the first to be won in the promising UK market. This project, too, is to be executed by the Swiss AE&E subsidiary.

Meanwhile AE&E's Flue Gas Cleaning Division, located in Raaba, near Graz, has also been making a strong impact in its market. At the start of the year it underlined its leading role in Germany by picking up the largest order in its history, from Energie

Baden-Württemberg AG's Karlsruhe power station. However it was Cologne based AE&E Inova, which was only acquired last year, that landed the largest single order of the past few months. The company is building a turnkey 90 MWel gas-fired power station for Germany's Dillinger Hütte steelworks under a contract worth about EUR 100m.

### **AE&E star performer in the A-TEC Industries Group**

"Austrian Energy & Environment is our model company at present," said A-TEC Industries CEO Mirko Kovats. "The strategy implemented over the past few years has been a complete success," he added. "The recent growth surge has turned the group into a major player on the global energy and environmental technology markets, and it is constantly working to extend its position. We see AE&E as the most impressive example of what the A-TEC formula can achieve."

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

Austrian Energy & Environment AG (AE&E), with headquarters in Vienna (Austria), is a leading European and international supplier of power generation and environmental technology systems. The product portfolio contains boilers and boiler plants, gas cleaning systems, waste-to-energy plants, turnkey biomass and industrial plants, coal gasification units and valves, and services ranging from engineering and modernisation, to modifications and plant operation. The group employs a workforce of around 2,500 in Vienna and Graz (Austria), Zurich (Switzerland), Cologne and Nuremberg (Germany), Brno (Czech Republic), Paris (France), Bilbao and Madrid (Spain), Slavonski Brod (Croatia), Norcross (USA), Shanghai (China), Chennai (India) and Sydney (Australia) and is owned by A-TEC Industries AG.

Further information is available on the Internet under [www.aee-group.com](http://www.aee-group.com)

#### **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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