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## **Major plant operator contract for A-TEC Industries in France Subsidiary Inova France now one of top four French plant operators**

Vienna, 11 December 2007 – Austrian Energy & Environment Group (AE&E) is A-TEC Industries' largest division: its French subsidiary, Inova France, has landed another major order in France. Beauce Gâtinais Valorisation, a local authority association representing 170 *communes* and 150,000 inhabitants, awarded AE&E a contract worth EUR 120 million to operate the Pithiviers waste-to-energy plant for a period of 20 years. The waste-to-energy plant in Pithiviers, Loiret, France, was delivered and commissioned in January of this year. This follow-up agreement for operation of the plant sees Roll Inova advance to fourth largest French plant operator, with a total of nine plants under operation.

Scheduled to enter into operation in mid-2008, the new environmentally friendly plant will process up to 60,000 tonnes of domestic waste per year, generating electricity for about 3,000 households and district heating and process steam for nearby industrial operations.

Construction of the new plant has trebled waste treatment capacity in the Loiret region and increased the energy efficiency of electricity production. The advantages of this high performance project include low operating costs and low environmental impact.

Jürgen Wild, Chairman of the AE&E Management Board, adds: *“Transferring the operation of this plant to AE&E ensures smooth operation, minimum downtime and economic efficiency. France is a growing market for ecologically and economically efficient waste treatment concepts, and with our technologies we can make a major contribution.”*

A team of 22 employees from the old plant will be trained to ensure effective operation of the waste-to-energy facility, delivering benefits to the region in terms of technology and know-how transfer.

### **Austrian Energy & Environment**

Austrian Energy & Environment AG is headquartered in Vienna, Austria, and is one of the leading international suppliers of systems for thermal energy production and environmental technology. The Group's product portfolio includes boilers and boiler plants, gas cleaning systems, waste-to-energy plants, turnkey biomass and industrial plants, coal gasification units, valves, and services ranging from engineering and modernisation to modification and plant operation. The group employs around 4,500 people in Vienna and Graz (Austria), Zürich (Switzerland), Cologne and Nuremberg (Germany), Brno (Czech Republic), Paris (France), Bilbao and Madrid (Spain), Slavonski Brod (Croatia), Moscow

(Russia), Norcross (USA), Shanghai and Nanjing (China), Chennai (India), Sao Paulo (Brazil) and Sydney (Australia). It is owned by A-TEC Industries AG.

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### **A-TEC Industries**

Vienna based and listed 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 13,500 people, in countries such as Australia, Austria, China, Croatia, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, India, Italy, Poland, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland, the UK, and the USA. The combined revenue of the Group's four divisions in 2006 was about EUR 1.6 billion.

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### **Von Roll Inova Holding AG**

With some 680 employees and more than 340 installed plants worldwide, Von Roll Inova is a global leader in the provision of technology for thermal waste treatment facilities. It offers customised service packages and complete systems, covering planning, design, and engineering, construction and operation, and plant maintenance and systems overhauls. Headquartered in Zürich, Switzerland, Von Roll Inova has subsidiaries in France, Germany, Norway, Japan, Sweden, and the USA. Since October 2003 the Von Roll Inova Group has formed part of Austrian Energy & Environment AG (AE&E), a leading European and international industrial group specialising in environmental engineering. AE&E is headquartered in Graz, Austria.

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