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## Press release

### **A-TEC Industries completes acquisition of German plant engineering company Lentjes**

#### **Additional engineering resources for power plant construction**

Vienna, 21 December 2007 – Following approval by EU competition authorities, Vienna-listed A-TEC Industries AG has now successfully completed a further complementary acquisition.

Lentjes, based in Ratingen, Germany, was formerly the large-scale plant engineering subsidiary of Germany's GEA Group AG, an MDAX-listed company. Lentjes designs, delivers and assembles turnkey plants, focusing on processes, technologies and components for the industrial use of energy from fossil fuels and of regenerative energy from biomass and waste. The Company and its subsidiaries have around 320 employees, and in 2006 generated revenue of some EUR 270m.

#### **More powerful market presence in Germany**

The integration of Lentjes into Austrian Energy & Environment (Plant Construction Division) will strengthen A-TEC Industries' market presence in Germany and extend its product portfolio in coal fluidised bed technology and environmental protection systems.

*“Completing this acquisition provides the Plant Construction Division with the additional capacity required for further expansion of power station construction, and paves the way for entry into new markets,”* says Christian Schmidt, member of the Management Board of A-TEC Industries and Chairman of Austrian Energy & Environment's Supervisory Board.

*“Lentjes permanently improves our ability to act as a full-service provider in Germany, Europe's largest market for power stations. A further goal is to intensify the expansion of our modernisation and reconditioning business for existing installations,”* says Jürgen Wild, “Austrian Energy & Environment AG's CEO, explaining the strategic considerations.

#### **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. AE&E 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 to modernisation and modification, and plant operation. The group employs over 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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#### **About A-TEC Industries**

Vienna Stock Exchange listed A-TEC Industries AG is an international industrial group headquartered in Vienna, with flourishing Drive Technologies, Plant Construction, Mechanical Engineering and Metals Industry divisions. The group currently employs around 13,500 people, and in 2006 posted revenue of EUR 1.6 billion.

For further details visit [www.a-tecindustries.com](http://www.a-tecindustries.com)

#### **About GEA Group Aktiengesellschaft**

MDAX-listed GEA Group Aktiengesellschaft is an international, technology group that focuses on specialised engineering, with the emphasis on process technology and components. Revenues in financial 2006 amounted to approximately EUR 4.3 bn. As at 30 September 2007 the GEA Group had more than 19,200 employees.

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