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Press release

Competition authorities approve acquisition: A-TEC Industries acquires Gindre Duchavany S.A.

Vienna, 5 June 2007 – Minerals & Metals GmbH, a wholly owned subsidiary of international industrial group A-TEC Industries AG, signed an agreement to acquire 100% of Gindre Duchavany S.A., France, in March. Closing took place yesterday, and the deal is now completed.

Integration into A-Tec's Metal Industry Division begins

Gindre Duchavany is among Europe's leading producers of semi-finished copper products (bars, rods and shapes) together with parts and components for the electrical industry, and is headquartered in Lyon. In 2006 it had 450 employees and sales in excess of EUR 300m. Gindre Duchavany has additional production facilities in France, Germany, Spain, the UK and the USA, and, together with local partners, a distribution network in Asia.

Mirko Kovats, A-TEC Industries' CEO, is pleased that the competition authorities have approved: *"This most recent acquisition by A-TEC Group will strengthen the Metals Industry Division; Gindre Duchavany's electrical engineering products in particular are an ideal addition to the Division's product portfolio. And A-TEC offers Gindre Duchavany, with its international strengths, excellent prospects of improving its market position."*

About Montanwerke Brixlegg AG

Montanwerke Brixlegg Aktiengesellschaft is based in Brixlegg in Tirol. Its sales for financial 2006 were EUR 506.1m. In 2006 it employed around 520 people at Brixlegg and at Krompachy in Slovakia.

About A-TEC Industries

Vienna listed A-TEC Industries AG is a Vienna-based international industrial group with successful operations in drive systems, plant engineering, machine tools and metallurgy. The Group currently employs around 11,000 people, and the preliminary results for 2006 show sales revenues of EUR 1.6 bn.

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