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AE&E lands major contract in Czech Republic Construction of turnkey flue gas desulphurisation plant

Vienna, 16 January 2008. Austrian Energy & Environment (AE&E), A-TEC Industries' Plant Construction Division and international supplier of systems for thermal energy production and environmental technology, has won a major contract in the Czech Republic for the planning and construction of a turnkey flue gas desulphurisation plant in Prunerov.

State-of-the-art technology to reduce environmental pollution

The contract with Skoda Praha Invest s.r.o covers the engineering design, construction, assembly and commissioning of three absorbers, with desulphurisation performance in excess of 98%. It also covers ancillary equipment, such as the flue gas cleaning system, the lime suspension system and the gypsum dehydration unit. The plant is scheduled to go into operation at the end of 2012 or the beginning of 2013 and will reduce pollutant emissions of the brown coal boiler by more than 240,000 tonnes/year, contributing a decisive improvement to air quality in Northern Bohemia.

Christian Schmidt, Member of the Management Board of A-TEC Industries: *"With this contract, AE&E has demonstrated once again its skills and expertise in environmental technology. The Group continues to build up its market presence in the Czech Republic and to further its strategy of expansion in the growth markets of Central and Eastern Europe."*