



The French Group GINDRE is joining the Austrian Group A-TEC Industries AG

Minerals & Metals GmbH, a wholly owned subsidiary of international industrial group A-TEC Industries AG, Vienna, (ISIN AT00000ATEC9), today signed an agreement to acquire 100% of Gindre Duchavany S.A., France.

The purchase price was not disclosed. Closing is expected to take place in a few weeks, when approval by the relevant competition authorities has been received.

Both the seller and the purchaser are in agreement that the considerable synergies resulting from the new grouping, combined with the global presence of A-TEC Group, will contribute to the continuing long-term stability of the Gindre Group.

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.

A-TEC Group's most recent acquisition will be merged into the Minerals & Metals Division, of which Montanwerke Brixlegg forms the core. Gindre Duchavany's electrical engineering components are an ideal fit to the existing business, and will round out the Division's product portfolio.

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.

About Montanwerke Brixlegg AG

Montanwerke Brixlegg Aktiengesellschaft is based in Brixlegg in Tirol. Its sales for financial 2006 were EUR 506.1m. (preliminary results). In 2006 it employed around 280 people at Brixlegg, and about 270 people at Krompachy in Slovakia.

