

Press Release

PVA TePla: Major order for high-vacuum furnaces

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Aslar, 17 January 2005: The Vacuum Systems division of PVA TePla AG has been awarded a major € 2.6 million contract by the French enterprise AREVA T&D to supply several high-vacuum process systems.

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These high-vacuum furnaces with metal heating elements are used to produce eco-friendly, compact and wear-free vacuum switches for the distribution of electrical energy. The vacuum switch manufacturer provides a 30-year warranty on the final products made under such high-vacuum conditions. The reliability and reproducibility of the process and the extremely low leak rate of the high-vacuum furnaces are crucial factors in producing the vacuum switches. The operating vacuum is achieved using a high-purity and highly efficient cryo process. In the high-vacuum pumps applied in this process, the gases and vapours emitted by the batch are condensed at temperatures of -250°C .

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The production equipment is desired for installation in facilities at various locations, to ensure that production is close to the respective markets.

About PVA TePla

For decades already, PVA TePla AG has been an established supplier of plant and systems for eco-friendly production and processing of high-quality industrial materials. As a vacuum specialist for high-temperature and plasma treatment, the company is a leading player on the world market for hard-metal sintering plant, crystal growing facilities and plant for surface activation using plasma. With its systems and services, PVA TePla supports key processes in industrial companies, particularly in the metal, ceramics, plastics, semiconductor, hard metals and electrical/electronics industries, as well as in research and development institutes centred on materials technologies. The company also supplies innovative components and solutions for purifying freshwater, wastewater and surfaces by means of UV-C radiation. Shares in the company have been traded on the

Frankfurt Stock Exchange since 21 June 1999; the company has been listed in the Prime Standard segment (ISIN DE0007461006, Reuters TPEG) since 1 January 2003.

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