

Federal Cartel Office places ban on A-Tec holding in Norddeutsche Affinerie

Hamburg, February 28, 2008 – The German Federal Cartel Office (FCO) has placed a ban on the already executed investment (13.75%) of A-Tec Industries AG (A-Tec) in Norddeutsche Affinerie AG (NA). A-Tec is thus obliged to sell all current shareholdings in NA. In its decision, the FCO has also ordered that A-Tec must return its shares to the primary seller Commerzbank or independent third parties within the next months. If A-Tec has not sold the shares until the end of the allotted period, the decision requires the subsequent sale of the shares by a trustee.

At the same time, the FCO has prohibited A-Tec from executing its voting rights with immediate effect. As a result, A-Tec will not be allowed to participate in any polls at tomorrow's Annual General Meeting.

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