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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen!

Enclosed please find today's press release of VA TECH.

Best regards,

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VOEST-ALPINE INDUSTRIEANLAGENBAU

P R E S S R E L E A S E

Second Order worth €2.5 m for VAI UK from BAOSHAN MEISHAN of People's Republic of China

The UK/Stockton on Tees based Blast Furnace Technology Division of VAI Industries (UK) limited, the UK based subsidiary of VOEST-ALPINE INDUSTRIEANLAGENBAU (VAI) /Austria, has been awarded a contract for Hot Stoves and a Hot Blast System by Baoshan Meishan based in Shanghai, China.

This first Hot Blast Stoves contract in China was secured against strong international competition. The order, worth € 2,5 m, was recently signed at an official ceremony in Meishan/China and follows a very successful previous contract for the No. 2 slab caster at the same plant.

The scope of the order, being part of Meishans No. 2 Blast Furnace rebuild, covers the Cold Blast System; Three Hot Stoves; Hot Blast System including Hot Blast Main; Bustle Main and Tuyere Stocks, and the integration of the Waste Heat Recovery system.

VAI will supply Basic Engineering, Detail Engineering; Automation; offshore refractories; quality control of onshore refractories and technical supervision of installation and commissioning. Start-up is expected in mid-2004.

Ken Taylor, VAI-UK's Director of Ironmaking said " Efficient hot blast stoves are critical for the operation of a modern blast furnace and we are very pleased to add Baoshan Meishan to a growing number of Steelmakers who turn to VAI

for assistance with their Blast Furnace Requirements. This further endorses VAI UK's reputation as world leader in hot blast stove technology as well as provider for sustainable, resource saving solutions."

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