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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen!

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VOEST-ALPINE INDUSTRIEANLAGENBAU

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

Clean Air for Košice - VAI Delivers Secondary Dedusting System for U.S. Steel Košice

The intended accession of Slovakia to the European Union scheduled for 2004 and the environmental regulations currently in force in the Union have led to numerous environmental-protection investments in the Slovakian industry.

U. S. Steel Košice, s.r.o. (USSK), awarded VOEST-ALPINE INDUSTRIE-ANLAGENBAU (VAI) a contract on 23 February 2003 for the erection of a secondary dedusting plant in Converter Steelmaking Plant No. 2 at Košice in the Slovak Republic. This contract was awarded on the basis of VAI's long years of experience in environmental projects completed in steelmaking works. The contract also included the delivery of core equipment for process-gas treatment. A particular advantage of the systems delivered by VAI is that operations are minimally interrupted during the modernization project.

The scope of supplies and services of VAI includes the design, the basic and detail engineering, delivery of imported components as well as supervision services for assembly and startup activities. Deliveries from suppliers within the Slovak Republic and the assembly of the systems will be contracted directly by USSK. Startup of the new systems is scheduled for September 2004.

USSK has an annual production of roughly four million tons of liquid steel and is the Slovak subsidiary of the United States Steel Corporation.

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VOEST-ALPINE INDUSTRIEANLAGENBAU (VAI), a company of the listed VA Technologie AG, is one of the world's leading engineering and plant-building companies for the iron, steel and aluminum industries with a multinational company structure and special focus on technology, automation and services. VAI employs approx. 3,400 people worldwide.

This and other VAI and VA TECH Group press releases are available on the homepages www.vatech.at and www.vai.at or can be individually received via our automatic mailing service.

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PRESS RELEASE

VA TECH enforces its service for the shareholders by an interactive online Annual Report

VA TECH has launched the "online Annual Report", a new shareholder service for shareholders, analysts and the press on the VA TECH website (www.vatech.at) in the section Investor Relations. Gone are the tedious pdf files. Both new standards set in comfort, in the shareholder-friendliness, in the communication and the available services provide for higher transparency. The elegance and the intelligent media compound consisting of text, pictures and music present a thrilling scenario, the online Annual Report 2002. And because all information has to be presented in a different way in the Internet all was optimised for the Internet layout of texts, pictures or graphics.

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The listed VA Technologie AG (VA TECH) is a focused Technology and Service Company which provides value to customers over the entire plant life cycle. Leading international positions are held in Metallurgy, Hydro Power Generation, Transmission and Distribution, Water Systems and Infrastructure. In 2002, VA TECH achieved sales of EUR 3.9 bn according to IAS with a work force of 17,725 employees.

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