

## PRESS RELEASE

### **EnviTec Biogas successful in France:**

#### **New orders to build biogas plants**

Lohne, 20 April 2010. EnviTec Biogas AG has won the first contracts for the construction of biogas plants in France. The company from Lohne, Lower Saxony, has teamed up with agricultural firm Le Crom to build a biogas plant rated for an electrical output of 500 kilowatts in the locality of Rohan in Brittany. The plant is currently under construction and is scheduled to be taken into service in the summer. Going forward, the plant will use the proprietary "EnviTec Feedcontrol" system. The software-based system enables biogas plant operators to use their input materials for the production of biogas even more efficiently. The system allows the feeding intervals for the input materials to be adjusted automatically to the desired biogas quantity during operation, obviating the need for manual adjustment and control. Le Crom will use input materials such as liquid pig, maize silage and waste from the food industry. The energy generated will be used by the farm to heat the stables and dry the fermentation residues. "Customers who operate their biogas plant with 'EnviTec Feedcontrol' benefit from a significant cost reduction," says Roel Slotman, CCO International of EnviTec Biogas AG. "EnviTec Feedcontrol" avoids the excessive use of biological materials and thus helps save resources. In a 500 kW biogas plant such as Le Crom, "EnviTec Feedcontrol" can help cut costs by up to EUR 20,000 per year.

Apart from the above, EnviTec Biogas has won contracts for the construction of biogas plants from three other French customers.

In Ribeauville, the company will build a 1.2 MW<sub>el</sub> biogas plant for Agrivalor Energie. In Etreville, a biogas plant with an electrical output of 1 MW is scheduled to be taken into service before the end of the year. A 1.7 MW<sub>el</sub> plant will be erected in the south-east of France, in the community of Romans-sur-Isère. Here, too, "EnviTec Feedcontrol" will be used. The plant will produce enough heat to supply the community's industrial area.

The four projects have a total volume of approx. EUR 12.5 million.

### **Own biogas plant attracts new customers**

EnviTec Biogas and French agricultural firm Le Crom have established a project company under the name of "Biowatt" for the construction and operation of a biogas plant in Rohan. It is the first own biogas plant operated by EnviTec Biogas in France. The plant will be operated in long-term cooperation with agricultural and industrial partners from the region. It will serve as a reference plant to convince additional customers of the cost-efficiency of biogas production.

"These projects show that our strategy of attracting attention in new markets with our own biogas plants is paying off," says Roel Slotman. "We focus on the most promising countries, and France is definitely one of them." Thanks to the large number of agricultural businesses, France, which, in fact, has the largest agricultural sector in Europe, offers huge potential for the company. EnviTec Biogas has a branch with a staff of three in France and plans to expand its sales organisation in the country.

### **About EnviTec Biogas AG**

EnviTec Biogas AG covers the entire value chain for the production of biogas - including the planning and turnkey construction of biogas plants as well as their commissioning. The company provides the biological and technical service and also offers the full plant and operating management. In Güstrow, in the German state of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, EnviTec built the world's largest plant for the production of biogas to natural gas standards with a thermal output of 55 megawatts. In addition, the company also operates its own biogas plants. Today, the company is represented in more than 15 countries throughout Europe and as well in India and South Korea. In 2009 EnviTec generated revenues of EUR 120 million and an EBIT of EUR - 0,5 million. The EnviTec Group currently has about 385 employees. Since July 2007 EnviTec is listed on the Prime Standard segment of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange.

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