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China: AREVA T&D begins construction of its Technology Center **Dedicated to R&D support for the local power industry**

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AREVA's Transmission and Distribution (T&D) division announced today the launch of construction activities for its transmission and distribution Technology Center, located in Shanghai's Caohejing Pujiang High-Tech Park, China.

With an initial investment of approximately €50 million, the AREVA T&D China Technology Center will be the first Research and Development (R&D) center of its kind to be built by an international T&D company in China.

On completion next year, the 50,000 square meter site will feature test facilities capable of handling Ultra High Voltage (UHV) power transmission equipment with rated voltages up to 1,200 kV AC and up to 1,000 kV DC. The AREVA T&D China Technology Center's advanced facilities will carry out UHV product development and material testing, and provide advanced simulation tools.

Although construction of the premises has just begun, the Center is already operational and the number of employees, engineers and technical specialists is expected to reach approximately 220 by the end of the year.

Philippe Guillemot, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of AREVA T&D said, *"The AREVA T&D China Technology Center is being established at a time of significant growth for our business in China. With our partners, so far this year we have opened three new local manufacturing facilities. Now, AREVA T&D has taken a step towards building a state-of-the-art R&D facility right here in China that is capable of testing Ultra High Voltage equipment at the highest ratings."*

"Our new China Technology Center will enable us to provide efficient and effective technical support to our Chinese customers, while developing new products to address their needs." he added.

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All over the world, AREVA provides its customers with solutions for carbon-free power generation and electricity transmission. With its knowledge and expertise in these fields, the group has a leading role to play in meeting the world's energy needs.

Ranked first in the global nuclear power industry, AREVA's unique integrated offering covers every stage of the fuel cycle, reactor design and construction, and related services.

In addition, the group is developing a portfolio of operations in renewable energies. AREVA is also a world leader in electricity transmission and distribution and offers its customers a complete range of solutions for greater grid stability and energy efficiency.

Sustainable development is a core component of the group's industrial strategy. Its 75,000 employees work every day to make AREVA a responsible industrial player that is helping to supply ever cleaner, safer and more economical energy to the greatest number of people.

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