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**PRESS RELEASE**

## **Transmission and Distribution: AREVA awarded major contract by Dubai utility**

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AREVA's Transmission and Distribution (T&D) division has won an order worth approximately €200 million for eleven high voltage Gas-insulated (GIS)\* Substations from Dubai Electricity & Water Authority (DEWA), strengthening its partnership with this key customer and further consolidating its leading position in the region.

This order is the largest ever for AREVA T&D in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and will contribute to the development and improvement of the 132 kV electrical distribution network in order to keep up with Dubai's rapid urban expansion.

The substations will be delivered during the first semester of 2011.

This contract was secured thanks to AREVA T&D's long-standing relationship with DEWA and the division's track record for timely delivery of large-scale projects.

Philippe Guillemot, Chairman and CEO of AREVA T&D, commented: *"We are honored to have been awarded this prestigious contract. Thanks to our robust local set up and close proximity to DEWA, AREVA T&D is able to provide a solution that exactly matches DEWA's expectations. This new success further strengthens AREVA T&D's presence in the UAE."*

\*An electrical substation is a part of the network used in the transmission and the distribution of electricity. It mainly allows to increase the electrical voltage coming from the power plant ready for transport and then decrease it for use by the private or industrial end-consumer. Gas-insulated substations are particularly compact as the technology used allows for optimized insulation and equipment size, thus reducing the impact on the landscape.

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### **MORE ABOUT**

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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