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Graz/Vienna, November 28, 2008. Andritz VA TECH HYDRO, a member of the international technology Group Andritz, has received an order from Madeira Energia S.A., Brazil for the supply of equipment, erection and commissioning supervision for the Santo Antônio hydropower plant to be built in Brazil. The order value amounts to approximately 250 MEUR.

The Santo Antônio hydropower plant, which is part of the Madeira River Complex, consisting of Santo Antônio (3,150 MW) and Jirau (3,300 MW), will be built on the Madeira River and will contribute to meeting the country's strongly growing electricity demand.

The hydropower plant will feature 44 generating units including the most powerful bulb type turbines in the world (72 MW each), of which Andritz VA TECH HYDRO Brasil and recently acquired Andritz Hydro Inepar do Brasil will supply 12 turbines and 12 generators as well as 24 voltage regulating systems for the generators. The first unit is scheduled to start operation by mid-2012.

Bulb units are particularly suitable for low heads and thus for hydroelectric projects that utilize large water flows, such as in the Madeira River. These units provide high efficiency, since they remain entirely submerged in the water, thus being capable of handling large water flow variations.

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Andritz VA TECH HYDRO Andritz VA TECH HYDRO, a member of the Andritz Group, is a global supplier of electromechanical systems and services ("water-to-wire") for hydropower plants. The company is a leader in the world market for hydraulic power generation and has a top position in the growing power plant refurbishment segment. This and other press releases of Andritz VA TECH HYDRO are available for download on our website www.vatech-hydro.com.

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