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ALSTOM

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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28 April 2003

ALSTOM SELLS ITS INDUSTRIAL TURBINES BUSINESSES TO SIEMENS FOR 1.1 BILLION

ALSTOM announces that it has signed binding agreements to sell its small gas turbines business and its medium-sized gas turbines and industrial steam turbines businesses in two transactions to Siemens AG, which are key steps in its continuing disposal programme.

The total enterprise value of the two transactions is 1.1 billion. Net cash proceeds to ALSTOM are expected to be approximately 950 million after deduction of debt transferred and certain other adjustments for cash items.

The first transaction will cover the small gas turbines business, and the second transaction will cover the medium-sized gas turbines and industrial steam turbines businesses.

The industrial turbines businesses being sold account for approximately 10% of ALSTOM's Power sector revenues and sales are typically to specialist industrial customers, for example in the oil and gas industry. They include:

- o the small gas turbines business (3 MW - 15 MW) based principally in the UK;
- o the medium-sized gas turbines business (15 MW - 50 MW) based principally in Sweden;
- o the industrial steam turbines (up to about 100MW) business with manufacturing sites in Sweden, Germany and the Czech Republic, and global customer service operations.

In the year ended 31 March 2003, ALSTOM's industrial turbines businesses generated sales of approximately 1.25 billion and an estimated EBIT(1) margin of approximately 7%. They employ some 6,500 people.

The transactions are subject to regulatory clearances and documentation is being submitted to the relevant merger control authorities.

Commenting on the sales, Patrick Kron, Chairman and CEO of ALSTOM said:

"These transactions constitute a key milestone in our action plan to strengthen our financial base. We thank all our employees in the industrial turbines businesses for their support and are confident that they will have a successful future within the Siemens Group."

30 April 2003

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ALSTOM COMPLETES THE SALE OF ITS SMALL GAS TURBINES BUSINESS TO SIEMENS

ALSTOM announces that, further to the announcement of 28 April 2003, it has completed the first of two transactions with Siemens AG, being the disposal of the small gas turbines business. The enterprise value of this transaction is 575 million, with net proceeds to ALSTOM of approximately 525 million.

Completion of this transaction follows receipt of a formal derogation from the European Commission under the EC merger regulation, allowing ownership of the business to be transferred to Siemens AG with immediate effect. Siemens AG has committed not to integrate the small gas turbine business with its own businesses until formal merger clearance has been obtained from the European Commission in relation to all the industrial turbines businesses.

Pending merger clearance, the medium gas turbines and industrial steam turbines businesses to be acquired by Siemens AG will continue to be owned and managed by ALSTOM.

Further announcements will be made in due course.

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