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**Hitachi Power Africa and SPX DB Thermal expand local boiler
manufacturing base in South Africa**

Johannesburg, Friday, 08 May 2009 – Hitachi Power Africa and DB Thermal, a division of DBT Technologies Pty Ltd, an affiliate of SPX, today officially launched a new 11,000m² Boiler Pressure Part Manufacturing facility at DB Thermal's industrial premises in Nigel, Gauteng.

A consortium comprising Hitachi Power Europe GmbH, Germany, and Hitachi Power Africa (Pty) Ltd was awarded two contracts from Eskom in 2007 to design, manufacture, supply, erect and commission 6 x 800MW Utility Steam Generators for each of the Medupi and Kusile Power Stations in Lephalale, Limpopo Province and Emalahleni, Mpumalanga Province respectively.

Hitachi Power awarded the order for manufacture of the core components of the boiler pressure parts to its partner, DB Thermal.

To fulfill the 60% local content contractual requirement from Eskom, and to create a sustainable state of the art boiler manufacturing industry in SA, Hitachi Power has invested in a new 11,000m² boiler workshop in partnership with DB Thermal in Nigel. Construction of the workshop started in early 2008. Pema panel welding machines and Schwarz Robotic panel wall benders, imported from Finland and Germany, were delivered and installed. Commissioning of this state-of-the-art equipment is now complete and manufacture of the boilers can commence.

Speaking at the launch ceremony, Johannes Musel, CEO of Hitachi Power Africa said, "We are very pleased to have been awarded the Medupi and Kusile contracts by Eskom because it underlines Hitachi Power's position as a leading supplier of high quality, efficient and reliable supercritical boiler technology. To support Eskom in the challenges it is facing we have committed to substantial investment in developing local engineering, manufacturing and artisan skills capacities and this new workshop is a good example of our efforts".

Hitachi Power Africa has taken the lead in developing and extending the local manufacturing base coupled with diverse artisan training and qualification of its local partner's workforces to equip them to do the job. "Our commitment in South Africa is for the long-term," Musel emphasises. "We also look upon the considerable investments we will be making in people and machines for Eskom's capacity expansion programme as a contribution towards the development of the South African society".

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During the peak, the boiler projects will involve more than 4,000 people on Hitachi Power's side in engineering, manufacture and construction of Medupi and Kusile Power Stations.

Hitachi Power is the leading supplier in Europe for both bituminous and lignite coal fired boilers in the range of 780 – 1,100MWe. Hitachi Power tendered a Supercritical Tower Type Benson Boiler for Medupi, which has a proven record of reliability and an efficient thermal cycle with flexible operation. This means that a wide range of coals with diverse ash characteristics can be fired without difficulty.

Toshiiaki Kigashihara, President of Hitachi Power Europe, said "The Medupi and Kusile orders from Eskom provide the Hitachi Group the opportunity to extend its global strategy, which focuses on business areas in which it can demonstrate its strength in social innovation. This consists of social infrastructure, industrial infrastructure, life infrastructure and information infrastructure. Apart from Power Plants, this means for example modern railway systems and telecommunication products. Hitachi will endeavor to maximise the synergies with infrastructure technology / product businesses that underpin social innovation business operations. This should be a win-win situation for both the South African society and Hitachi".

Heinz Spreitzer, Managing Director of DB Thermal, co-host of the inauguration ceremony said "Thanks to the innovative solutions we provide, we are in a position to raise both the productivity and environmental compatibility of modern power plants in South Africa. This production shop extension in Nigel ensures that we will be manufacturing products of top quality while also offering power and energy solutions in the country."

"We are very committed to investing in power and energy solutions for South Africa," added Drew Ladau, SPX segment president."

SPX Corporation, headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina, is a Fortune 500 multi-industry manufacturing leader and employs more than 17,000 people worldwide in over 40 countries.

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