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€1m QAFCO 5 contract awarded to ERG's APC Process Engineering division

Horsham, West Sussex, 1 June 2009. ERG's APC Process Engineering division has been awarded a €1million contract to supply two gas conditioning plants for the Qatar based QAFCO 5 fertiliser plant expansion project. This maintains the company's unbroken record in supplying gas conditioning plants for each of the previous four QAFCO expansion phases beginning with the initial QAFCO 1 project in 1973 up to QAFCO 4 in 2005. ERG was awarded the contract by Italy based Saipem in its capacity as lead contractor to the project.

QAFCO (the Qatar Fertiliser Company) operate the world's largest ammonia and urea production site at Mesaieed City, Qatar. The QAFCO 5 project is a \$3.2 billion investment and the new capacity is scheduled to come on stream in 2011.

Each of the QAFCO plants uses high pressure natural gas from offshore as the principal raw material for the ammonia and urea production. However the natural gas contains H₂S which corrodes the pipework and forms scale in the gas stream. This scale, together with any entrained particulates, must be removed from the gas stream prior to downstream processing.

To accomplish this critical gas cleaning, ERG is supplying two specially designed high-pressure venturi scrubbers to remove >99.5% of particulates. The QAFCO 5 scrubbers will be constructed from 25mm thick 316L stainless steel and each system will be capable of conditioning 90,000Nm³/hr of gas.

James Scott-Bowden, Managing Director of ERG commented: "Few companies in the world have our unique experience and specialist knowledge in designing high pressure gas conditioning systems. We are delighted to have been awarded this prestigious contract and look forward to working with Saipem".

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About ERG (Air Pollution Control) Ltd.

ERG (Air Pollution Control) is a leading supplier of air pollution control systems and services with a 30 year track record, providing turnkey tailor made solutions that are optimised to give the best technical solution for the lowest capital and running cost.

Based in Horsham, near Gatwick airport ERG has satellite offices around the UK, a branch office in the Middle East, and a global network of V-tex™ technology licensees.

ERG specialises in odour control systems; V-tex™ scrubbing, stripping and condensing technology; soluble contamination capture and recovery; particulate removal systems; hazardous waste flue gas cleaning systems, and VOC contamination abatement.

APC Process Engineering Ltd was acquired by ERG in early 2008. APC Process Engineering Ltd. has built up an enviable reputation and unparalleled depth of expertise over 35 years within the air pollution control market by offering turn-key systems and design consultancy to blue-chip clients across diverse processing industries, such as Pfizer, Pirelli and Westinghouse, and Alcoa.

