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ALSTOM

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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ALSTOM INFORMS EUROPEAN UNIONS ON A RESTRUCTURING PROJECT CONCERNING THE UTILITY BOILERS BUSINESS

ALSTOM today informed trade union representatives regarding the restructuring plan of its Utility Boilers business. This business is part of ALSTOM's Power Turbo systems /Power Environment Sector and focuses on supplying new clean-coal boilers, and providing products and services to coal-based power plants.

The need to right-size the ALSTOM's Utility Boilers business has been forced by a decline in the accessible market for new equipment utility boiler orders in Europe and the US, with a shift of the substantial proportion of the market to Asia.

The final project was defined following extensive consultation with employee representatives and the evaluation of several different solutions. The project recognises the need to maintain a local presence and access to the retrofit markets, and to keep our technical competencies and experience base.

Consequently, the final project considers:

. Right-Sizing of the European Operation on two locations in Germany and in France

- In Stuttgart, Germany, it is planned to re-adjust the organisation to its areas of highest contribution, resulting in a reduction of the work force. It is envisaged that 200 (out of 300) positions would be retained.
- In France, it is envisaged that approximately 50 positions (out of 250 currently in Velizy) would be retained and located in the Paris region.

. Right-sizing of the US Operation

- In Windsor (Connecticut) the implementation of tools and processes would lead to productivity improvements resulting in a reduction of up to 40 positions.

The Project has been presented to the European Works Forum Select Committee today. Further consultations will be done with employee representatives. Measures will be taken to minimize the impact of this plan on all concerned sites.