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Opcon makes delivery to Dalkia's first bioenergy installation with flue gas condensation in France

Opcon Bioenergy, a subsidiary of Opcon, the energy and environmental technology Group, has received an order from Fimat Entreprise a subsidiary of market leader Dalkia for an installation that will recycle waste heat from a heating plant in Cholet near Nantes in the west of France. This will be Dalkia's first installation in France to utilize flue gas condensation based on Opcon's leading technology for improved energy efficiency and reduced emissions.

The order includes delivery of Renergi flue gas condensation and treatment equipment that will treat and recycle energy in the flue gases released through the chimney of the 2 MW plant. The installation is expected to boost energy output by up to 20% without consuming additional fuel. Particle emissions will also be cut significantly via extra treatment. This will be Opcon's first delivery to a heating plant in France. Delivery and start-up will take place in 2011.

"We have previously delivered several plants to Dalkia's foreign subsidiaries and are naturally very pleased that such a large and demanding customer as Dalkia has selected our leading technology now that they are starting to implement this form of technology that enhances energy efficiency on their domestic market in France. We are noting a growing market within small-scale district heating plants in France, and Dalkia is one of the leading companies in this sector. Dalkia is now investing in leading Swedish environmental technology that increases energy efficiency and limits emissions," says Claes Scheibe, CEO of Opcon Bioenergy AB.

"As a European leader in energy management, Dalkia's core business is energy efficiency. With Opcon's recovery technology, Dalkia can further improve the energy efficiency and environmental performances of its heating plants" says Stéphane Guenroc, engineering manager for Dalkia France.

Opcon Bioenergy is part of Opcon's expanding Renewable Energy business area and its focus on Waste to Value with a special emphasis on Waste Heat Recovery and bioenergy. Under its Renergi brand, Opcon supplies systems for treatment and improved energy efficiency to biomass-powered district heating plants, sawmills, pellets manufacturers and commercial greenhouses, as well as treatment equipment for industrial plants and drying systems for biomass.

Within the bioenergy sector, Opcon Bioenergy offers a wide range of services, from design of complete combined power and heating plants to handling systems and combustion plants under the Saxlund brand. The Group also supplies Opcon Powerbox for production of green electricity based on hot water or saturated steam.

Dalkia, a European leader in energy management, has developed strong expertise in the use of renewable energy, especially biomass, in France and internationally. Around 150 boiler facilities operated by Dalkia and powered by biomass have a total output of 817 MW. Among these facilities, Dalkia owns and operates one of the largest biomass plants in Europe at Pecs in Hungary. A total of 1.6 million tonnes of biomass are consumed annually at facilities managed by Dalkia.

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The Opcon Group

Opcon is an energy and environmental technology Group that develops, produces and markets systems and products for eco-friendly, efficient and resource-effective use of energy.

Opcon has activities in Sweden, China, Germany and the UK. There are around 410 employees. The company's shares are listed on Nasdaq OMX Stockholm. The Group comprises two business areas:

Renewable Energy focuses on the following areas: electricity generation based on waste heat, bioenergy-powered heating and CHP plants, pellets plants, drying of biomass, handling systems for biomass, sludge and natural gas, industrial cooling, flue gas condensation, treatment of flue gases, air systems for fuel cells and measurement and monitoring of processes.

Engine Efficiency focuses on ignition systems for combustion engines including ethanol, natural gas and biogas engines.

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