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### Uhde takes over exclusive marketing of leading fertiliser technology

With effect August 31, 2005, Uhde Fertilizer Technology (UFT B.V.) has acquired the exclusive licence rights for the fluid-bed urea granulation technology from Yara Fertilizer Technology B.V. (YFT) of the Netherlands. Uhde Fertilizer Technology will thus take over the full rights to this technology worldwide, including its licensing to other contractors. Uhde Fertilizer Technology (UFT B.V.) is a newly established subsidiary of ThyssenKrupp Nederland B.V. to be domiciled in Roermond, the Netherlands.

"YFT's technology is the world's most successful urea granulation technology and is used in more than 50 urea plants. It was developed in 1975 and has proven itself in the fertiliser industry for over 30 years, thus representing the perfect enhancement to the Uhde group's portfolio of technology licences," said Dr. Wolfgang Essig, Chairman of Uhde's Executive Board. The biggest single-train YFT fluid-bed granulation unit with a capacity of 3,600 t/day is currently being built in Al Jubail, Saudi Arabia.

In connection with the technology transfer Uhde Fertilizer Technology will have access within the Yara organization to resources for licensing, engineering and commissioning activities for an agreed period. Further development of the process is also guaranteed as a result of the permission granted by Yara Fertilizer Technology for the use of its research and development facilities, including a pilot plant in Sluiskil, the Netherlands.

*Yara Fertilizer Technology is a subsidiary of the Norwegian company Yara International ASA, the world's leading supplier of mineral fertilisers. Yara has a local presence in 50 countries worldwide and sells 20 million tonnes of mineral fertilisers in 120 countries. Yara offers fertilisers supported by agronomic advice to make farming more profitable and agriculture more sustainable. The company has a strong position in industrial markets in Europe as a supplier of nitrogen based chemicals and is the leading supplier of liquid CO<sub>2</sub>.*

*Uhde is a company in the Technologies segment of the ThyssenKrupp Group and has a workforce of more than 4,200 employees worldwide. The company's activities focus on the design and construction of chemical and other industrial plants in the following fields: refining technologies, plants for fertilisers, organic intermediates, polymers and synthetic fibres, electrolysis plants, gas technologies, plants for oil, coal and residue gasification, coke plant technologies and pharmaceuticals.*