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Polish breakthrough - Opcon Bioenergy improves energy efficiency at Poland's largest sawmill

- Saving energy equivalent to heating for 1,000 homes

Opcon Bioenergy, a subsidiary of Opcon, the energy and environmental technology Group, has received its first order from Poland for waste heat recycling equipment. The order covers delivery to the Olczyk sawmill in Swidno, Poland, of a flue gas condenser with a treatment system which will improve the energy efficiency of the sawmill's existing driers.

Fuel savings will amount to 5 MW, or the equivalent of heating for 1,000 homes. The Olczyk sawmill expects to save around 18,000 tons of wood chips and reduce emissions of particles by over 75%.

“This is a marvellous export success story for Swedish environmental technology. With our technology the sawmill can utilize the waste heat in the flue gases and thereby save energy equivalent to heating for 1,000 homes. This energy would previously have went up in smoke. The improvement in energy efficiency means that the sawmill can reduce its fuel consumption and thus cut emissions significantly. Meanwhile we clean the flue gases and achieve a big reduction in emissions of particles,” says Claes Scheibe, Managing Director of Opcon Bioenergy AB.

“Olczyk is the largest sawmill in Poland so it is a superb reference for us. We have already begun planning a seminar on site for the rest of the Polish sawmill industry early next year so we can showcase the economic and environmental benefits that can be achieved. The Polish bioenergy market is still in a phase of early development, which means there will be great opportunities in future when the country cuts its dependence on fossil fuels,” says Claes Scheibe, Managing Director of Opcon Bioenergy AB.

“We are now taking a further step in our international strategy and adding Poland to our list of export markets. This will be the 12th country outside Sweden where we have sold this type of plant that utilizes waste heat and improves the energy efficiency of heating based on biomass,” says Per Hedebäck, head of Opcon's Renewable Energy business area.

The delivery to Poland will take place in December 2010 and the order is worth around SEK 5 million.

Opcon Bioenergy is a part of Opcon's expanding Renewable Energy business area and its Waste to Value initiative with a special focus on Waste Heat Recovery and bioenergy. Under its SRE brand, Opcon delivers treatments systems and improved energy efficiency to district heating plants powered by biomass, sawmills, pellets producers and commercial greenhouses. Opcon also supplies treatment equipment to industrial companies and drying systems for biomass.

Within the bioenergy sector, Opcon Bioenergy offers everything from design of entire CHP-plants to handling systems under the Saxlund brand. The Opcon Group also offers Opcon Powerbox for production of green electricity from hot water or saturated steam.

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The Opcon Group

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Opcon has activities in Sweden, China, Germany, the UK and Denmark. There are around 430 employees. The company's shares are listed on Nasdaq OMX Stockholm. The Group comprises three business areas:

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

Mobility Products focuses on technology for positioning, motion and regulation for electrical vehicles, electrical wheelchairs and hospital beds.