PRESS RELEASE

Annual results 2009:

- **For the group as a whole, including Transmission & Distribution**
  - o Backlog: €49.4bn (+2.5%)
  - o Revenues: €14bn (+6.4%)
  - o Operating income: €501m (+20.1%)
- **Nuclear and Renewable Energies perimeter:**
  - o Backlog: €43.3bn (+1.8%)
  - o Strong revenue growth: +5.4% to €8.5bn
  - o Operating income before provision for the Finnish project in the first half of 2009: €647m
  - o Operating income: €97m, for a €240m increase from 2008
- **Net income attributable to equity holders of the parent: €552m, i.e. €15.59 per share**
- **Net debt: €6,193m**
- **Pro forma net debt, including net cash to be received from the sale of T&D in 2010: €3,022m**
- **Dividend of €7.06 per share to be proposed during the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of April 29, 2010**

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Paris, March 4, 2010

The Supervisory Board of the AREVA group met today under the chairmanship of Jean-Cyril Spinetta to examine the financial statements submitted by the Executive Board for the year ended December 31, 2009.

Chief Executive Officer Anne Lauvergeon offered the following comments:
"AREVA expanded its backlog and increased its revenues compared with 2008, on strong installed base business and dynamic major projects, fostering growth in operating income of 240 million euros.
As announced previously, we are implementing a financing plan suited to our objectives of profitable growth. The plan was implemented successfully in 2009, including the conclusion of an agreement, under very satisfactory terms, to sell our Transmission & Distribution business for 4 billion euros, asset sales for more than 1.5 billion euros, and successful bond issues of 3 billion euros. The plan will continue in 2010 with a capital increase, the completion of asset disposals and cost reduction and continued operational performance improvement programs.
We bolstered our Renewable Energies business segment by supplementing our offshore wind power and biomass businesses with the acquisition of Ausra, a California-based leader in concentrated solar power technology.
Despite the sale of T&D, we are maintaining our financial performance outlook for 2012: 12% average annual revenue growth to 12 billion euros in 2012, double digit operating margin and substantially positive free operating cash flow."

I – Consolidated performance

Key data – consolidated group including Transmission & Distribution

In millions of euros	2009	2008	Change 09/08
Backlog	49,438	48,246	+ 2.5%
Revenue	14,003	13,160	+ 6.4%
Operating income	501	417	+ €84m
Net income attributable to equity holders of the parent	552	589	- €37m
Free operating cash flow before tax	(959)	(921)	- €38m

Key data – Nuclear and Renewable Energies

In millions of euros	2009	2008	Change 09/08
Backlog	43,302	42,531	+1.8%
Revenue	8,529	8,089	+5.4%
Operating income before OL3 provision	647	606	+6.8%
Operating income / Revenue (%) bef. OL3 provision	7.6%	7.5%	+0.1 pt
Operating income	97	(143)	+€240m
Net income from Nuclear and Renewable Energies	270	127	+€143m
Net income from discontinued operations (T&D)	267	371	-€104m
Net income attributable to equity holders of the parent	552	589	-€37m
Earnings per share	€15.59	€16.62	- €1.03
Free operating cash flow before tax	(919)	(900)	-€19m
Net debt	6,193	5,499	+€694m
Pro forma net debt*	3,022	5,499	-€2,477m

* including net cash to be received from the sale of T&D

As part of the development plan announced on June 30, 2009, AREVA put its Transmission & Distribution business (T&D) up for sale. On January 20, 2010, AREVA signed a share purchase agreement with the Alstom/Schneider consortium which values the business at more than four times its 2004 acquisition price and includes major social commitments. In accordance with IFRS 5 accounting standard, income from the Transmission & Distribution business is not included in consolidated net income from continuing operations for 2009 and 2008. Rather, it is presented on a separate line, “net income from discontinued operations”. Accordingly, revenue and operating and net income from continuing operations include the contribution of the Front End, Reactors & Services (including Renewable Energies) and Back End divisions.

Backlog growth

The consolidated backlog, including Transmission & Distribution, stood at 49,438 million euros at December 31, 2009, up 2.5% compared with that at December 31, 2008.

The backlog for the Nuclear and Renewable Energies businesses rose to 43,302 million euros, up 1.8% from the 42,531 million euros recognized on December 31, 2008.

Revenue growth

Consolidated revenue, including T&D, came to 14,003 million euros in 2009, up 6.4% on a reported basis and up 5.7% like-for-like[1] compared with 2008.

Revenue for the Nuclear and Renewable Energies businesses rose to 8,529 million euros, for 5.4% growth on a reported basis and 4.6% growth like-for-like[1].

Note: AREVA's backlog and revenue are reviewed specifically in the press release published on January 28, 2010.

Operating income of €647m before OL3 provision (recognized in the first half of 2009), compared with €606m in 2008
Operating income of €97m, compared with €(143)m in 2008

Excluding the 550 million euros provision recognized in the first half of 2009 on the OL3 contract in Finland, operating income reached 647 million euros for an operating margin of 7.6%, stable compared to 2008.

Significant progress was made in 2009 regarding the physical completion of the OL3 project, including the installation of the reactor dome in September. More than 93% of the orders and contracts have been committed and civil works are almost complete.

However, piping installation was penalized in the fourth quarter of 2009 when discussions with the customer, particularly on the scope and implementation of inspection procedures, proved necessary. As a result, ramp-up of this work has been delayed in terms of the initial schedule. Measures were taken to offset the schedule impact of this phase of work going forward.

The total provision as of December 31, 2009 remains unchanged from that of June 30, 2009, i.e. 2.3 billion euros.

The schedule for facility startup will depend on the effective implementation by TVO of agreed-upon procedures concerning piping installation and inspection, and then on the validation and effective implementation of those related to the testing and startup phases and to the instrumentation and control system.

For the full year, the group had operating income of 97 million euros, compared with a loss of 143 million euros in 2008. This improvement is notably due to the increase in Mining and recurring activities results and to operational capital gains from the disposal of minority stakes in industrial assets.

[1] At comparable consolidation scope, accounting methods and exchange rates, including the translation of subsidiary accounts into the group's unit of account. The latter is primarily due to changes in the US dollar in relation to the euro. AREVA also points out that its foreign exchange hedging policy for commercial operations aims to shield profitability from currency fluctuations in relation to the euro.

Operating income by division for the Nuclear and Renewable Energies businesses

- Operating income for the **Front End** division came to 659 million euros (19.0% of revenue), compared with 453 million euros in 2008 (13.5% of revenue). The increase is attributable in part to the increase in the average price of uranium sold by AREVA, the positive impact of optimization plans in Mining, which helped lower the average production cost, and of the disposal of minority stakes in the Imouraren project. The positive contribution to operating income of the disposal of minority interests in Georges Besse II was identical in 2009 and 2008 at 191 million euros.
- Excluding the OL3 provision recognized in the first half of the year, the **Reactors & Services division, which includes Renewable Energies** operations, reported operating income of (76) million euros, down from 61 million euros in 2008. This change mainly reflects the reorganization and restructuring of certain projects (including measures triggered by the default of an industrial partner in Renewable Energies), and continued spending at a significant level on Research and Development and ongoing support for major projects.
- The **Back End division** reported operating income of 235 million euros, with operating margin essentially stable at 14.4% (compared with 15.4% in 2008).

Net income attributable to equity holders of the parent: €552m

Net income attributable to equity holders of the parent came to 552 million euros in 2009, compared with 589 million euros in 2008. The change is mostly due to the drop in net income from associates and from discontinued operations, offset by the improvement in operating income and in financial income.

- Financial income rose 181 million euros compared with 2008, to a total of 187 million euros. This performance reflects gains on the sale of Total and GDF-Suez shares (2008 included a gain on the sale of REpower shares);
- Tax income rose 29 million euros from 2008 to 2009, to a total of 138 million euros;
- The share in net income from associates (in particular STMicroelectronics and Eramet) was down 308 million euros compared with 2008;
- Net income from discontinued operations (Transmission & Distribution) came to 267 million euros in 2009, compared with 371 million euros in 2008. Operating income totaled 405 million euros (for operating margin of 7.4%), compared with 561 million euros in 2008 (for operating margin of 11.1%). This is attributable to the impact of the economic crisis (market downturn and price erosion in some regions, cancellations of orders and postponed deliveries), offset in part by a strengthened cost reduction plan deployed throughout the year.

Operating cash flow before capex up 63%

Operating cash flow before capex rose to 375 million euros, for an increase of 145 million euros compared with 2008 (230 million euros), primarily due to a strong improvement in working capital requirement.

- EBITDA was stable compared with 2008 (from 593 million euros in 2008 to 584 million euros in 2009);
- The change in operating working capital requirement contributed 105 million euros in 2009, compared with (173) million euros in 2008. Cash provided by customer advances in the Reactors & Services division was partially absorbed by an increase in inventory in the Front End division, particularly for the transition from GBI to GBII enrichment plant.

Deployment of the capital spending program

Gross capex went from 1,404 million euros in 2008 to 1,808 million euros in 2009, reflecting the deployment of capital spending programs in Mining, Enrichment and Equipment.

Net capex after disposal of minority stakes in Front End division industrial assets came to 1,294 million euros in 2009.

Free operating cash flow before tax of (919) million euros

Free operating cash flow generated in 2009 was stable at (919) million euros, compared with (900) million euros in 2008. The favorable change in working capital requirement offset the net increase in capital expenditures.

Strengthening the balance sheet

Based on the 2007 valuation of the debt to Siemens (2,049 million euros, plus accrued interest) the group's net debt came to 6,193 million euros at December 31, 2009, compared with 5,499 million euros at December 31, 2008. This increase is due mainly to the impact from the negative free operating cash flow, the payment of dividends, the increase in net debt from discontinued operations (T&D), offset by cash generated by the sale of GDF-Suez and Total shares.

On a pro forma basis (including net cash to be received from the sale of T&D), the group's net debt stood at 3,022 million euros.

These amounts should be compared with equity of 7,574 million euros at December 31, 2009 (including 990 million euros contribution from the T&D division before cancellation of the AREVA T&D shares held by AREVA), compared with 7,292 million at year-end 2008.

In addition, the group's liquidity improved in 2009 as a result of a 3-billion euro bond issue, aligning the maturity of the debt with the maturity of assets while freeing up available backup lines of credit for a total amount of around 3 billion euros.

II – Outlook

For 2010, AREVA anticipates:

- Substantial revenue and backlog growth;
- Increase in operating income;
- Strong increase in net income attributable to equity holders of the parent.

For 2012, AREVA anticipates:

- Revenues of 12 billion euros;
- Double-digit operating margin;
- Significantly positive free operating cash flow.

The presentation on AREVA's annual results will be available live on the Internet.
To access the webcast, please click on the following links:

English version: http://webcast.areva.com/20100304/2009_annual_results/

French version: http://webcast.areva.com/20100304/resultats_annuels_2009/

Upcoming events and publications

April 29, 2010 – 5:45 pm (Paris time): First quarter 2010 revenue (press release)

July 30, 2010 – 5:45 pm (Paris time): First half 2010 results (press release and conference call)

October 27, 2010 – 5:45 pm (Paris time): Third quarter 2010 revenue (press release)

Notes

- Status of audit of the 2009 financial statements:

The audit has been completed and the audit report including certification of the financial statements is being finalized.

- Forward-looking statements:

This document contains forward-looking statements and information. These statements include financial forecasts and estimates as well as the assumptions on which they are based, and statements related to projects, objectives and expectations concerning future operations, products and services or future performance. Although AREVA's management believes that these forward-looking statements are reasonable, AREVA's investors and investment certificate holders are hereby advised that these forward-looking statements are subject to numerous risks and uncertainties that are difficult to foresee and generally beyond AREVA's control, which may mean that the expected results and developments differ significantly from those expressed, induced or forecast in the forward-looking statements and information. These risks include those described or identified in the public documents filed by AREVA with the AMF, including those listed in the "Risk Factors" section of the Reference Document registered with the AMF on April 15, 2009 (which may be consulted online on AREVA's website www.areva.com). AREVA makes no commitment to update the forward-looking statements and information, except as required by applicable laws and regulations.

Appendix 1 – Income Statement

In millions of euros	**2009**	**2008**	**Change 09/08**
Revenue	**8,529**	**8,089**	**+ 5.4%**
Other income from operations	61	28	+ €33m
Cost of sales	(7,508)	(7,221)	+ 4.0%
Gross margin	**1,082**	**896**	**+ 20.8%**
Research and development expenses	(346)	(303)	+ 14.2%
Marketing and sales expenses	(286)	(258)	+ 10.9%
General and administrative expenses	(620)	(635)	- 2.4%
Other operating income and expenses	266	157	+ 69.4%
Operating income	**97**	**(143)**	**+ €240m**
Income from cash and cash equivalents	14	36	- €22m
Gross borrowing costs	(128)	(105)	- €23m
Net borrowing costs	**(113)**	**(69)**	**- €44m**
Other financial income and expenses	301	75	+ €225m
Net financial income	**187**	**6**	**+ €181m**
Income tax	138	109	+ €29m
Share in net income of associates	(152)	156	€(308)m
Net income – Nuclear and Renewable Energies	**270**	**127**	**+ €143m**
Net income from discontinued operations	267	371	- €104m
Net income for the period	**537**	**498**	**+ €39m**
Minority interests	(15)	(91)	+ €76m
Net income attributable to equity holders of the parent	**552**	**589**	**- €37m**
Comprehensive income	341	(308)	+ €649m
Average number of shares outstanding, excluding treasury shares	35 389 780	35 442 701	-
Basic earnings per share (in euros)	**15.59**	**16.62**	**- €1.03**

Appendix 2 – Consolidated Cash Flow Statement

In millions of euros	2009	2008	Change 09/08
Cash flow from operations before interest and taxes	132	334	- €202m
Net interest and taxes paid	(15)	(207)	+ €192m
Cash flow from operations after interest and tax	**117**	**128**	**- €11m**
Change in working capital requirement	43	(183)	+ €226m
Net cash flow from operating activities	**160**	**(55)**	**+ €215m**
Net cash flow from investing activities	**(379)**	**(956)**	**+ €577m**
Net cash flow from financing activities	**1,116**	**1,405**	**- €289m**
Decrease (increase) in securities recognized at fair value through profit and loss	(77)	42	- €119m
Impact of foreign exchange movements	3	(17)	+ €20m
Net cash from discontinued operations	**(219)**	**(61)**	**- €158m**
Increase / (decrease) in net cash	**603**	**357**	**+ €246m**
Cash at the beginning of the year	877	520	+ €357m
Cash at the end of the year	**1,481**	**877**	**+ €603m**

Appendix 3 – Simplified Balance Sheet[1]

In millions of euros	December 31, 2009	December 31, 2008
ASSETS		
Goodwill	4,366	4,803
Property, plant and equipment (PP&E) and intangible assets	8,576	8,002
Assets earmarked for end-of-life-cycle operations	5,626	5,224
Investments in associates	1,635	1,757
Other non-current financial assets	860	2,152
Operating working capital requirement	(62)	656
Net assets from discontinued operations*	1,964	-
LIABILITIES		
Equity	7,574	7,292
Provisions for end-of-life-cycle operations	5,660	5,674
Other provisions	2,911	3,472
Other assets and liabilities	627	657
Net debt**	6,193	5,499
Total – Simplified balance sheet	**22,965**	**22,594**

* Excluding equity from discontinued operations
**Including debt to Siemens

[1] Assets and liabilities, including operating working capital, net debt and deferred taxes, are offset in the simplified balance sheet. These items are not offset in the detailed balance sheet presented in the consolidated financial statements.

Appendix 4 – Definitions

Backlog: The backlog is valued based on economic conditions at the end of the period. It includes firm orders and excludes unconfirmed options. Orders in hedged foreign currencies are valued at the rate hedged. Non-hedged orders are valued at the rate in effect on the last day of the period. Natural uranium orders are valued at the closing price of applicable spot and long term indices. The backlog reported for long-term contracts recorded under the percentage of completion method and partially performed as of the reporting date is equal to the difference between (a) the projected sales revenue from the contract at completion and (b) the sales revenue already recognized for this particular contract. Accordingly, the backlog takes into account escalation and price revision assumptions used by the group to determine the projected revenue at completion.

Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA): EBITDA is equal to operating income plus net amortization, depreciation and operating provisions (except for provisions for impairment of working capital items). EBITDA is adjusted to exclude the cost of end-of-life-cycle operations for nuclear facilities (dismantling, retrieval and packaging of waste) for the period, as well as the full and final payments made or to be made to third parties for facility dismantling. It should be noted that the cash flows linked to end-of-life-cycle operations are presented separately.

Cash flow from end-of-life-cycle operations: This indicator encompasses all of the cash flows linked to end-of-life-cycle obligations and to assets earmarked to cover those obligations. It is equal to the sum of the following items:

- income from the portfolio of earmarked assets
- cash from the sale of earmarked assets
- minus acquisitions of earmarked assets
- minus cash spent during the year on end-of-life-cycle operations
- full and final payments received for facility dismantling
- less full and final payments paid for facility dismantling

Free operating cash flow represents the cash flow generated by operating activities before income tax. It is equal to the sum of the following items:

- EBITDA, excluding end-of-life-cycle operations
- plus losses or minus gains included in operating income on sales of assets
- plus the decrease or minus the increase in operating working capital requirement between the beginning and the end of the period (excluding reclassifications, currency translation adjustments and changes in consolidation scope)
- minus acquisitions of Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE) and intangible assets, net of changes in accounts payable related to fixed assets
- plus sales of PPE and intangible assets included in operating income, net of changes in receivables on the sale of fixed assets
- plus customer prepayments received during the period on non-current assets

- plus acquisitions (or disposals) of consolidated companies (excluding equity associates)

Net debt: This heading includes current and non-current borrowings, which include interest-bearing advances received from customers and put options by minority shareholders, less cash balances, non-trade current accounts, securities held for trade and other current financial assets, including equity derivatives exercisable in less than one year. Shares classified as “available-for-sale securities” are excluded from the net debt position.

Operating margin: Operating income divided by sales revenue.