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**PRESS RELEASE**

## **AREVA T&D acquires Vamp, the world leader in Arc Protection Technology**

**Paris, January 5, 2010**

AREVA's Transmission and Distribution division (T&D) and the main shareholder of Vamp Oy today announced that they have signed an agreement for AREVA T&D to acquire Vamp, the Finnish-based specialist in arc protection and protection relays.

Vamp's protection relays are used in a number of applications from industrial to distribution power systems and power plants. Their unique arc protection enhances the safety of both people and property and has made Vamp a recognized world leader in this field.

By combining AREVA T&D's high quality global solutions and decades of experience with Vamp's highly competitive, flexible and quality products, AREVA T&D will further strengthen its position in the global protection and control market while gaining a substantial market share in Nordic countries and with both industrial and distribution customers.

AREVA T&D and Vamp share a clear focus on innovative R&D programs based on close cooperation with customers, leading universities and research institutes. Customer and market requirements are closely followed and efficiently transferred into product features. This acquisition will enable AREVA T&D to add new features and to complement its existing portfolio of protection relays.

*"Our customers worldwide expect us to deliver innovative solutions offering enhanced safety, such as arc protection technology,"* said Jean-Michel Cornille, Executive Vice President of AREVA T&D's Automation Business Unit. *"This exciting development will allow both AREVA T&D and a wide range of international customers to realize their protection relay and arc protection projects more efficiently."*

*"By joining AREVA T&D, Vamp sales network will expand, enabling our organization to grow stronger and continue to invest in product development,"* added Erkki Raunio, main shareholder and Chairman of the Board of Vamp. *"Vamp is one of the world's most important suppliers in its sector and our world-class expertise has always been key to our success."*

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## Integration

Vamp's site in Vaasa will become an AREVA T&D unit reporting to the Substation Automation Solutions product line. Jerker Kullberg will continue in his role as Vamp's Managing Director.

Vamp's products will retain their renowned brand name and Vamp will continue sales operations through its existing independent and complementary sales network. This network will be reinforced by AREVA T&D's international sales force.

The transaction was completed on December 31, 2009.

## VAMP OY FACTS AT A GLANCE

**Market:** Vamp specializes in arc protection and protection relays for power systems as well as expert services

**Headquarters:** Vaasa, Finland

**Founded:** 1994

**Employees:** 40

**Customers:** Power Distribution and Industrial Companies

**Market Presence:** Wind Farms, Industrial applications, Power Generation, Infrastructure projects and Marine and offshore applications

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*All over the world, AREVA provides its customers with solutions for carbon-free power generation and electricity transmission.*

*With its knowledge and expertise in these fields, the group has a leading role to play in meeting the world's energy needs.*

*Ranked first in the global nuclear power industry, AREVA's unique integrated offering covers every stage of the fuel cycle, reactor design and construction, and related services.*

*In addition, the group is developing a portfolio of operations in renewable energies. AREVA is also a world leader in electricity transmission and distribution and offers its customers a complete range of solutions for greater grid stability and energy efficiency.*

*Sustainable development is a core component of the group's industrial strategy. Its 75,000 employees work every day to make AREVA a responsible industrial player that is helping to supply ever cleaner, safer and more economical energy to the greatest number of people.*

*AREVA's T&D division is an active player around the globe. It designs, manufactures and supplies a complete range of equipment, systems and services for all stages in the transfer of electricity, from the generator to the large end-user.*