

## Press release

### Evonik Energy Services completes acquisition of ESA's assets

Kings Mountain, NC – April 2011: Evonik Energy Services, LLC is pleased to announce the successful acquisition of the business of Energy Systems Associates (ESA), an innovative engineering & testing firm committed to develop and implement cost effective solutions in SNCR air pollution control, advanced operational problem solving of fossil fuel and biomass boilers and extensive gas and fuel side testing capabilities.

The acquisition of all of ESA's assets and personnel brings over 30 years of experience, knowledge, references and customer relations into Evonik. ESA is known for innovative and cost-effective solutions for combination of combustion and NO<sub>x</sub> reduction solutions and has developed / invented technologies that have been successfully commercialized to solve combustion related problems. It further enhances Evonik by bringing additional experience / expertise in SNCR's, design and optimization of OFA (over fire air) systems, biomass combustion optimization and testing services utilizing state of the art mobile laboratories.

With the integration of ESA's assets and personnel into Evonik, Evonik expands its expertise in bringing power plant solutions to its customers. The expansion of Evonik's existing field testing services and in-house CFD (computational fluid dynamics) modeling will further enhance Evonik's capabilities for the North American market.

ESA's former offices in Carnegie, PA will be maintained as Evonik's Pittsburgh Area Office in order to even better serve clients in Pennsylvania, Ohio, northern West Virginia, western New York, eastern Kentucky, Michigan and Ontario.

Hans Hartenstein, President of Evonik Energy Services, LLC says "The synergy effects of the acquisition will allow Evonik to further custom tailor specific air pollution or combustion solutions to our client's needs, which will make Evonik even more cost competitive and customer focused".

For more information on Evonik Energy Services LLC or Energy System Associates please visit [www.evonik-es.us](http://www.evonik-es.us) or <http://www.energysystemsassoc.com>.

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