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PRESS RELEASE

ALPINE utilizes further education subsidy in Upper Austria

- **Program allows the company to retain seven foremen**
- **Advantages for the employer & employees**
- **Political support from Viktor Sigl, State Minister of Economic Affairs**

Linz: ALPINE Bau in Upper Austria took advantage of a subsidized further education program allowing seven foremen to pursue a period of training during the slow winter months so they will stay on ALPINE payroll in economically difficult times. This program, implemented with the help of the Upper Austrian State Government, allows the company to hold on to qualified staff that would otherwise have to be recruited after the crisis.

During his visit to the ALPINE Bau branch in Upper Austria Viktor Sigl, Upper Austria's Minister of Economic Affairs, declared, " With over 1,000 employees in Upper Austria, ALPINE Bau is an exemplary company that also backs its staff in critical times. We are happy to be able to support companies such as this by offering this worthwhile program. The "Bildungskarenz plus" program allows Upper Austrian companies to hold on to their staff by allowing them to further their education or training in difficult times to be better prepared for their own future career."

According to Karl Gruber, member of the Management Board at ALPINE Bau GmbH, the advantages of taking leave for the further education program are obvious: "The program provides a valuable education and enhances the employee's qualifications. The program is structured as a system of intensive staggered courses. The employees return to their jobs at the end of the program and qualify to be upgraded." The seminars taken by ALPINE's seven foremen during their further education leave are very diversified and included labor law, EDP for foremen, quality management for core processes, etc. The further education program that started in Upper Austria on January 10 will end on March 31, 2011.

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