

ABB wins \$450 million substation order in Qatar

Grid expansion will support rapid growth, meet soaring demand for power

Zurich, Switzerland, December 18, 2006 - ABB, the leading power and automation technology group, has won a \$450 million contract from Qatar General Electricity and Water Corporation - Kahramaa - to support the country's rapid growth by expanding the power transmission system.

The contract scope includes three substations and a telecommunication package for Qatar's Phase VII grid expansion project, a countrywide effort to increase power in areas of high growth, where electricity demand is greatest. The order will be booked in the fourth quarter of 2006.

“ABB's advanced substation technology is underpinning a huge expansion of Qatar's power transmission capacity, ensuring the region has a reliable supply of electricity,” said Bernhard Jucker, head of ABB's Power Products division. “ABB's fast delivery and safe, reliable products and systems are helping develop one of the fastest growing power markets in the world.”

ABB is scheduled to energize the substations in the first half of 2008. It's the latest in a series of recent ABB orders in the region, and the biggest transmission and distribution substations order ABB has ever received.

In November 2005, ABB won a \$170 million contract from Kahramaa for 12 substations and power cables for Qatar's Phase VI grid expansion project, and a \$220 million contract for Phase I of the Gulf Grid project, linking the electrical grids of six Gulf states, including Qatar.

For the latest project, ABB will engineer, procure, construct and commission three substations, and supply 37 bays of 400 kilovolt (kV) gas-insulated switchgear (GIS); 66 bays 220 kV GIS; 36 bays 132 kV GIS; and 41 bays 66 kV GIS. ABB will also supply 25 transformers, rated from 40 to 800 megavolt amperes (MVA).

ABB (www.abb.com) is a leader in power and automation technologies that enable utility and industry customers to improve performance while lowering environmental impact. The ABB Group of companies operates in around 100 countries and employs about 107,000 people.

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