

ABB wins \$148 million order for largest water pumping plant in Kuwait

Kuwait's capacity of fresh water to more than double

Zurich, Switzerland, Oct. 25, 2010 - ABB, the leading power and automation technology group, has won an order from the Ministry of Electricity and Water in Kuwait for the construction and rehabilitation of the Mina Abdullah water pumping plant. The civil works will be carried out by the Ahmadiyah Group, the local consortium partner for the project. ABB's project scope is worth \$148 million. The order was booked in the fourth quarter.

The plant will pump about 1.5 million cubic meters of water a day from two desalination plants, more than doubling the country's fresh water supply. This increase in capacity will support the needs of urban developments and metropolitan areas planned for the area.

"The Mina Abdullah water plant is an integral part of Kuwait's infrastructure development efforts and will help serve the growing water needs of the region," said Peter Leupp, head of ABB's Power Systems division. "Our vast range of power and automation technologies combined with our domain expertise and experience in the water sector will facilitate the smooth execution of this project."

ABB is responsible for the engineering, supply, installation, commissioning and testing of the electromechanical package for the new pumping plant, which is expected to be completed by 2013. Some of the key products to be supplied include the control and instrumentation system, motors, low- and medium-voltage switchgear, transformers, telecommunications and fiber optic equipment as well as the integration of 23 water facilities into a newly supplied national control center.

ABB solutions for the water sector include integrated and optimized ICE (instrumentation, control and electrical) systems as well as a range of power and automation products that improve the energy efficiency, productivity and reliability of water network, desalination and treatment plant assets.

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