

ABB wins \$60 million marine order for energy efficient propulsion system

Energy-efficient propulsion and reliable electrical systems for two new cruise ships to be built in Japan by Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd.

Zurich, Switzerland, March 12, 2012 – ABB, the leading power and automation technology group, has won an order worth \$60 million to provide complete power and propulsion systems for two new cruise ships to be built by Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd. at their shipyard in Nagasaki, Japan, for German cruise line operator AIDA.

ABB's delivery will help the ships to maximize their fuel efficiency, speed and maneuverability, as well as to provide a reliable power supply to improve the availability of onboard equipment. Each of the 125,000 ton cruise ships will have a passenger capacity of 3,250. The new ships are scheduled for delivery in March 2015 and March 2016.

"ABB's comprehensive solutions for our ship operating customers include the most technologically advanced and energy efficient propulsion systems to help ships improve their maneuverability while using less fuel," said Veli-Matti Reinikkala, head of ABB's Process Automation division. "We also provide reliable and efficient power systems needed to keep all onboard systems running at all times for optimum safety and passenger comfort."

ABB will supply complete electrical systems for both ships; including generators, and transformers for propulsion, engine room and distribution, frequency converters, bow thruster motors, and other related power system equipment, as well as its latest generation Azipod XO propulsion systems. ABB's energy efficient Azipod propulsion saves fuel and provides greater maneuverability in all operating conditions.

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