

For your technology editors

ABB wins \$25 million substation order in Algeria

Upgrade of eight substations to increase power supply capacity

Zurich, Switzerland, December 21, 2004 – ABB, the leading power and automation technology group, said today it has won a turnkey contract in Algeria worth \$25 million to upgrade eight existing substations which will improve electricity supply in and around the capital, Algiers.

The contract, signed with Sonelgaz, is designed to meet the growing demand for energy.

The contract comprises extensions as well as upgrades to various 220/60/30 and 10kV substations, which ABB will achieve with minimal power interruptions for consumers. The order will be completed within 15 months – ahead of the industry standard.

“Our ability to complete the project quickly and the reliability of our technology were decisive in winning the order,” said Peter Smits, head of ABB’s Power Technologies division. “In addition, we have proved to be a reliable partner for Sonelgaz in Algeria in recent similar projects.”

The project involves the design, manufacture, testing, erection and commissioning of the switchgear, new transformers and associated equipment. ABB will supply power transformers, various high-voltage equipment as well as control and protection panels, including substation automation and telecommunication systems.

A major part of the project is the replacement of 125 medium-voltage switchgear cubicles. Installation has to be done gradually to ensure the power supply is not interrupted. The first bays are scheduled to be delivered in March 2005.

It is the latest in a series of orders from Sonelgaz. Including the latest contract, ABB has won orders worth \$105 million from Sonelgaz in 2004.

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 approximately 100 countries and employs about 103,000 people.

For more information please contact:

Media Relations:

ABB Corporate Communications, Zürich
Thomas Schmidt
Tel: +41 43 317 65 68
Fax: +41 43 317 79 58
media.relations@ch.abb.com

Investor Relations:

Schweiz: Tel: +41 43 317 38 04
Schweden: Tel: +46 21 32 57 19
USA Tel: +1 203 750 77 43
investor.relations@ch.abb.com