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## **U.S. District Court sets February 28 for confirmation of Combustion Engineering Plan of Reorganization**

Zurich, Switzerland, February 9, 2006 – A District Court judge in the United States has set the hearing of the revised Plan of Reorganization for Combustion Engineering, an ABB subsidiary in the U.S., for February 28, 2006.

The judge said he intended to issue an entry and affirmance of the confirmation order of the Plan of Reorganization on that date. If there are no objections during the 30-day appeals period following the February 28 hearing, the plan would then become effective. ABB could then start the process of setting up the Trust Fund for asbestos claimants.

“This is a very positive step forward. If the judge confirms the plan, and no appeals are filed during the 30-day period, the order will become final and the plan effective, to the benefit of all parties involved,” said Fred Kindle, ABB President and CEO.

No appeals were filed against the Plan of Reorganization before it was confirmed by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on December 19, 2005.

In September 2005, claimants to a parallel asbestos-related Plan of Reorganization for another U.S. subsidiary, ABB Lummus Global Inc., voted 96 percent in favor of the plan. That plan has not yet been filed with the Bankruptcy Court.

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