

ABB wins \$56-million order from Indian steelmaker

Power, automation solutions to support surge in steel and electricity output

Zurich, Switzerland, January 9, 2007 – ABB, the leading power and automation technology group, has won orders worth about \$56 million for power and automation equipment to help Indian steelmaker JSW Group increase its output.

ABB is supplying a range of power and automation solutions for 2x300 megawatt (MW) power generation facilities in Bellary, in the state of Karnataka, and for plants located at Vasind near Mumbai and Salem, in Tamil Nadu. They include the electrical balance of plant (eBoP), technology to improve the performance and reliability of power delivery, for the Bellary installation.

JSW aims to increase its steel capacity to 6.8 million tons per annum (mtpa) from 3.8 million.

“Reliable power supplies are essential to sustain such a leap in growth,” said Peter Leupp, head of ABB’s Power Systems division. “We are proud of our long association with JSW and delighted to be facilitating productivity and efficiency at JSW’s plants.”

ABB will supply power products and systems including substation equipment, transformers and an electricity network management system based on supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) technology. The contract also includes protection and control systems as well as medium-voltage and low-voltage switchgear. The orders were booked in the fourth quarter.

ABB’s power solutions will ensure the needs of JSW’s steel plants are met and enable surplus electricity to be fed into the 400-kilovolt (kV) grid using the latest control and monitoring equipment to help manage the distribution network. In addition, ABB will provide state-of-the-art process automation for the steel plant including plate-mill drives to ensure energy efficiency and reliability across the production chain. The project will be completed in phases and end around mid-2008.

ABB (www.abb.com) is a leader in power and automation technologies that enable utility and industry customers to improve their 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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