

ABB wins \$30-million power transformer orders in India

Transformers for NTPC power plants to help increase power capacity

Zurich, Switzerland, April 29, 2009 – ABB, the leading power and automation technology group, has won transformer orders worth around \$30 million from NTPC Limited in India for its Mauda Super Thermal Power Project and Tapovan Vishnugad HydroElectric Power Project. The orders were booked in the first quarter.

ABB will design, supply, erect and commission transformers for the Mauda plant (2 x 500 megawatts) in Maharashtra, which will increase and strengthen the power supply to states in the Western Region. The plant will use High-Concentration Slurry Disposal (HCSD) technology, which is designed to cut water consumption by 10 to 15 percent and to reduce dust emissions.

ABB will also supply transformers for NTPC's Tapovan Vishnugad plant (4 x 130 MW) in Uttarakhand. The project will cater to the power demand of states in the Northern Region.

“ABB's globally proven transformer technology will facilitate efficient transmission of electricity from the power generation plants,” said Bernhard Jucker, head of ABB's Power Products division. “We have a strong footprint in India, with advanced manufacturing and testing facilities and will source the transformers for these projects locally.”

NTPC is India's national power generation utility and operates 26 power plants across the country, with a total installed capacity of more than 30,000 MW, mostly based on coal and gas. To acquire a more sustainable and diversified fuel mix, the company is developing hydro projects, and plans to have about 9,000 MW of hydropower capacity by 2017.

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