

ABB wins \$144 million power orders in Saudi Arabia

Substations to help address growing electricity needs and serve key infrastructure centers

Zurich, Switzerland, July 19, 2011 – ABB, the leading power and automation technology group, has won orders worth \$144 million, from the Saudi Electricity Company (SEC), Saudi Arabia's national power transmission and distribution operator, to construct new substations and upgrade existing ones to help address the growing demand for electricity in the region. The orders were booked in the second quarter.

In addition to upgrading substations in Riyadh and Hail, ABB will be responsible for the engineering, design, supply, installation and commissioning of a new 380/230 kilovolt (kV) substation in Wasit to facilitate power supplies in the Eastern region. It will also build the Roikbah 132 kV substation (east Najran) to help ensure that the Medical City in Jizan receives uninterrupted power supplies and a second 132kV substation in Buriadah, the capital city of the Al-Qassim province in central Saudi Arabia will help SEC better serve the city. ABB will also undertake the expansion of the Jizan Central and South Khamis Imshate substations.

"These substations will further strengthen the country's transmission and distribution grid to address growing electricity demand and serve the needs of key infrastructure establishments like medical centers and educational institutions," said Peter Leupp, head of ABB's Power Systems division.

The turnkey orders include civil works and auxiliary systems as well as the supply of key products such as gas-insulated switchgear (GIS), transformers, protection equipment and substation automation.

Substations are key installations in the power grid that facilitate the efficient transmission and distribution of electricity. They include equipment that protects and controls the flow of electrical power. ABB is the world's leading supplier of air- and gas-insulated substations covering a range of voltage levels up to 1,100 kV.

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