

ABB wins \$45-million order for Swedish power plant upgrade

ABB technologies to expand output and extend life-span of Forsmark nuclear plant

Zurich, Switzerland, January 14, 2009 - ABB, the leading power and automation technology group, has won an order worth \$45 million to provide engineering expertise and supply power products for a project to expand the output and life-span of a nuclear power plant owned by Swedish utility Vattenfall. The order was booked in the fourth quarter of 2008.

ABB's center of competence for nuclear power plant projects, which is based in Sweden, will execute the project involving electrical system studies, design, engineering, installation and commissioning. ABB will provide the electrical package needed to increase gross output from 1,200 megawatts (MW) to 1,360 MW at Unit 3 of the Forsmark nuclear power plant, a project due to be completed by 2014.

"Our engineering competence and high-reliability products will play a key role in the project by meeting the stringent quality requirements of such plants," said Peter Leupp, head of ABB's Power Systems division. "The high efficiency generator step-up transformers will also result in significant energy savings."

ABB will also supply a range of power products including three generator step-up transformers, two auxiliary transformers and an excitation transformer.

Vattenfall is Europe's fifth largest electricity generator, and its Forsmark power plant in Sweden accounts for one-sixth of all kilowatt-hours of electricity used in the country. Forsmark is its most recent nuclear power plant and accounts for a total power output of around 3,200 megawatts.

ABB has a vast installed base of power generation products and systems around the world, and offers an extensive range of products, systems and services to the sector, including hydro, nuclear, thermal, wind, solar and desalination plants.

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