

# ABB to double workforce at power engineering and operations center in India

New Delhi, India, November 4, 2015 – ABB has announced plans to double the 600-strong workforce at its global engineering and operations center in Chennai over the next two years.

The expansion will support the execution of the strong order backlog in the power business, strengthen project operations and help drive profitable and sustainable growth. This move is in line with stage two of ABB's Next Level strategy, which aims to deliver enhanced customer value and enable cost and productivity improvements. It also reaffirms ABB's commitment to India as a key market and an important resource base.

The competency center brings together professional engineering resources under one roof, serving ABB units across the world from its base in Chennai, among the largest industrial and commercial centers in India. Established in 2007, the engineering and operations center provides engineering support for all aspects of project management and business processes, including tendering, engineering, planning, procurement, functional system testing, installation supervision and commissioning.

"As we transition to the new Power Grids division in 2016, this is one of the actions we are taking that will help us to be more flexible and agile. India has a large talent pool of highly skilled, qualified engineers, and our experience so far has encouraged us to take this next step," said Claudio Facchin, President of ABB's Power Systems division and President designate of Power Grids division. "Our Chennai unit has successfully contributed to the execution of projects in more than 60 countries. We will build on these strong capabilities by doubling its size and expanding its scope of work."

The center has a high level of domain expertise across the power value chain from generation through to transmission and distribution. This includes many specialized areas like high-voltage direct current (HVDC), Flexible Alternating Current Transmission Systems (FACTS), grid integration and automation as well as emerging areas like renewables and microgrids.

The Chennai center has built up an impressive track record over the years, contributing to several landmark projects, both globally and in India, such as the North East Agra UHVDC (ultrahigh-voltage direct current) transmission link, the first phase of which was recently energized.

As announced recently ABB will operate with a streamlined set-up of four divisions, effective January 1, 2016. The new Power Grids division will focus on the rapidly evolving needs of utility customers with a comprehensive range of products, systems and services, offering power and automation solutions for the grid.

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