

ABB wins \$65 million in orders for crane systems

Equipment will outfit 74 new cranes to help raise productivity at Asian ports

Zurich Switzerland, April 19, 2007 -- ABB, the leading power and automation technology group, has received contracts worth more than \$65 million to supply automation and electrical systems for 74 shipping cranes that will help raise productivity at ports in Asia.

The cranes will be built by the Shanghai Zhenhua Port Machinery Company Ltd. (ZPMC) of China, the world's largest crane manufacturer, for delivery in 2008 and 2009. The orders were booked in the first quarter of 2007.

ABB will supply full crane automation and support systems, including controllers and software, low-voltage alternating-current (AC) motors and drives, electrical transformers and switchgear. ABB will also carry out project management, engineering, customer training and commissioning.

"These projects make excellent use of standard ABB products and application expertise," said Veli-Matti Reinikkala, head of ABB's Process Automation division. "By combining safety, reliability and energy efficiency, we are helping customers meet the strong demand for quality investment in port facilities."

Building on its extensive experience in crane systems and the success of similar projects in ports such as Singapore, Tokyo, Kaohsiung, Hamburg and Rotterdam, ABB will also apply a range of innovative sensors, control and vision systems and optimum motion algorithms that offer maximum productivity for automated terminals.

The new projects include 20 unmanned, rail-mounted gantry cranes for the Taipei Port Container Terminal Corporation in Taiwan, plus 42 similar units and 12 double-hoist, ship-to-shore cranes for Hanjin Shipping at Busan New Port in South Korea.

Shanghai Zhenhua Port Machinery makes cranes and large steel structures including bulk-material ship loaders and unloaders, and large steel bridge structures.

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