

ABB wins \$32-million contract in South Africa

Cellulose plant upgrade will increase capacity for Sappi Saiccor

Zurich, Switzerland, Feb. 5, 2007 – ABB, the leading power and automation technology group, has received a \$32-million order from Sappi Saiccor for upgrading the world's largest chemical cellulose plant, located near the port city of Durban in South Africa.

ABB will supply all the electrical, control and fieldbus communication equipment for the project. The order was booked during the fourth quarter of 2006.

The project will increase the plant's pulp capacity from about 585,000 tons per year to more than 800,000 tons. Chemical cellulose is used in a variety of applications, including the production of non-woven textiles and binding agents in the pharmaceutical industry.

“We are pleased to be part of this milestone project, which will support Sappi Saiccor in both increasing production and improving environmental impact,” said Veli-Matti Reinikkala, head of ABB's Process Automation division. “This order follows a series of other projects with Sappi which combine standard ABB products with our extensive experience in the paper industry.”

ABB's scope of supply includes the incoming 132-kilovolt electrical substation, medium-voltage switchgear and protection devices, low-voltage motor control centers, variable-speed drives, low- and medium-voltage motors, sectional drives and motors for the new pulp dryer, an Industrial IT distributed control system as well as the Information Management System.

This integrated system uses intelligent field devices such as motor controllers and field instrumentation. The complete system is based on the standard Profibus communications protocol, enabling remote configuration of devices and asset management from the distributed control system. ABB will also provide all associated engineering, cabling, installation and commissioning.

Sappi Saiccor is a wholly owned subsidiary of the South Africa-based global pulp and paper group, Sappi Limited. The current project, set for completion in the first quarter of 2008, is Sappi's largest development project in South Africa since 1981.

ABB (www.abb.com) is a leader in power and automation technologies that enable utility and industry customers to improve performance while lowering environmental impact. The ABB Group of companies operates in around 100 countries and employs about 107,000 people.

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