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ABB wins Rs. 1410 million substation orders

Solution to reduce transmission and distribution losses, and strengthen grid

Bangalore, July 14, 2009 - ABB, the leading power and automation technology group, has won orders worth Rs. 1410 million from Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Company Limited (MSETCL) for substations to help improve the efficiency and reliability of the state's network.

The 220kV and 132kV substations will be located in the Nashik, Amravati and Nagpur zones of the western Indian state of Maharashtra, and are an integral part of MSETCL's efforts to reduce transmission and distribution losses. The order was won in the second quarter, and the project is scheduled for completion in 2010.

ABB is responsible for the system design and engineering, civil works, supply, installation, commissioning and overall project management. The turnkey solution includes the supply of a range of circuit breakers, instrument transformers, power transformers, power line carrier communication (PLCC) equipment, and the supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system to enable better monitoring and control of power supply.

"These substations will help improve grid reliability and improve energy efficiency by reducing transmission and distribution losses," said Biplab Majumder, Vice Chairman and Managing Director, ABB India. "We are pleased to contribute to the strengthening of India's power infrastructure and meet growing needs for electricity in the region."

MSETCL is one of the largest state power transmission utilities in India. It is reinforcing its transmission network following the addition of generation capacity to meet growing demand for electricity in the state.

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