

ABB awarded \$37 million aluminium project in Iceland

Company partners with Orkuvirki to double Nordural's smelter's capacity

Zurich, Switzerland, November 1, 2004 – ABB, the leading power and automation technology group, said today that it has won a \$37 million contract in cooperation with the Icelandic company Orkuvirki for power electronics, power distribution and control systems to expand the Nordural primary aluminum plant in western Iceland.

ABB will supply a complete rectifier / transformer package, SCADA control, plus project design, installation and start-up. Orkuvirki will manufacture and install various electrical equipment cubicles, composed of products from ABB and others for the high voltage and medium voltage distribution.

“This contract extends a series of recent successes in comprehensive solutions for primary metals producers,” said Dinesh Paliwal, head of ABB’s Automation Technologies division. “Our broad process expertise, combined with local manufacturing support from Orkuvirki, will provide a timely and robust power and automation solution to the customer.”

The Nordural primary aluminum plant is owned by Century Aluminum, a major supplier of high-purity aluminium. The plant is located at Grundartangi, about 45 kilometers north of Iceland’s capital, Reykjavik.

The expansion will double the smelter’s production capacity from 90,000 to 180,000 tons of high-quality aluminum annually. Electrical power for the expansion will be provided by geothermal sources.

Production start-up for the new systems is scheduled for February 2006. The order was booked in the third quarter 2004.

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 103,000 people.

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