

ABB wins \$48 million substation order for Saudi power plant

Gas-insulated substation to facilitate transmission of electricity from new power plant

Zurich, Switzerland, Jan 7, 2010 – ABB, the leading power and automation technology group, has won an order worth \$48 million from the SEPCO III Electric Power Construction Corporation, a leading Chinese EPC (Engineering, Procurement, Construction) company, to deliver a substation for a new power plant in Saudi Arabia. The order was booked in the fourth quarter of 2009.

The gas-insulated switchgear substation will facilitate the transmission of electricity from the 1200 megawatt Rabigh power plant located 150 kilometers north of Jeddah. This is the first IPP (Independent Power Plant) being built in the country, with private sector participation and will be developed on a build, own, operate basis. It will supply power to Saudi Electricity Company and help meet the growing power needs of industrial and residential customers in the region. The project is scheduled for completion by 2011.

ABB will design, supply, install and commission the 380 kilovolt (kV) substation, which includes the gas-insulated switchgear, a range of circuit breakers including the generator circuit breaker and the control, protection and telecommunication equipment.

“ABB’s technology strengths combined with extensive experience in Saudi Arabia and knowledge of the transmission and distribution network will play a key role in executing this project,” said Peter Leupp, head of ABB’s Power Systems division.

Substations are key installations in the power grid that transform voltage levels and facilitate efficient transmission and distribution of electricity. They include equipment that protects and controls electrical power. ABB is the world’s leading supplier of air- and gas-insulated substations, with more than 10,000 installed worldwide across a range of voltage levels up to 800 kV.

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 120,000 people.

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