

## **Beudet named vice president, Quality Systems, ABB Automation Products, Low-Voltage Drives**

**NEW BERLIN, Wis., July 11, 2004** . . . Daniel Beudet has been named vice president, Quality Systems, for ABB Automation Products, Low Voltage Drives, according to Rick Hepperla, sr. vice president and general manager of ABB Low Voltage Drives.

Beudet will be responsible for providing overall leadership to the continued development of world-class quality systems for the drives operation, which manufactures and ships drives to customers throughout North America. He will work closely with the ABB's global business unit, and both global and local engineering, operations & commercial functions, to integrate, effectively, quality into all aspects of the business. ABB Low Voltage Drives is headquartered in New Berlin, WI.

“Quality Systems will continue its’ focus on developing data-driven and customer-focused capabilities that result in measurable improvements in product, process & supplier quality, customer support & responsiveness, and reliability science & technology,” said Hepperla, in announcing the appointment. “This is critical to our continued growth and business success.”

Beudet most recently was director of Manufacturing & Continuous Improvement at Waukesha Engine/Dresser in Waukesha, WI. In this role, he was responsible for leading the implementation of Lean manufacturing and quality systems, and had direct responsibility for manufacturing engineering, product engineering and technical support functions. Prior to that, Daniel held numerous positions of increasing responsibility at Bombardier Recreational Products, including director of Assembly & Quality, and director of Operations, at plants in Quebec, Canada, and in Sturtevant, WI.

He holds degrees in Mechanical Engineering and Management and now is completing his MBA.

ABB Inc., Automation Products, Low Voltage Drives, is the world's largest manufacturer of electric motors and drives. In the USA, an integrated channel of sales representatives, distributors, and system integrators allow ABB, New Berlin, Wisconsin, to supply a complete line of energy-efficient electric drives, motors and engineered drive systems to a wide range of industrial and commercial customers. Products manufactured include AC and DC variable speed drives for electric motors from 1/8th through 135,000 HP, and application-specific drive system solutions to meet diverse customer needs (<http://www.abb.us/drives>).

ABB ([www.abb.us](http://www.abb.us)) is a leader in power and automation technologies that enable utility and industry customers to improve their performance while lowering environmental impact. The ABB Group of companies operates in around 100 countries and employs about 104,000 people. The company's U.S. operations employ about 9,000 in manufacturing and other facilities in 40 states.



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