

ABB wins US\$ 30 million order to provide power for aluminum smelter in Canada

New technology will help company double production

Zurich, Switzerland, December 19, 2002 – ABB, the leading power and automation technology group, said today it has won an order for more than US\$ 30 million from Aluminerie Alouette, Canada, to provide the power supply system for an aluminum smelter in the province of Quebec.

“This order reflects our customer’s confidence in the quality of products and services we have delivered to them over a number of years,” said Dinesh Paliwal, head of ABB’s Automation Technologies division. “Long-term technology partnerships provide the basis for unique solutions – in this case, our automation and power technologies will help Aluminerie Alouette more than double its production capacity.”

ABB has been contracted to design, supply, install and commission the electrical power supply system at the plant. ABB will also provide an extension of the 161kV GIS (gas insulated switchgear), high-voltage cables, regulating and rectifier transformers and a production and control system.

Aluminerie Alouette is expanding its existing aluminum plant, located near the estuary of the St. Lawrence River, and expects output to rise from 243,000 to 550,000 tonnes per year. Construction work on the site is due to begin early next year and production is scheduled to start in 2005.

Aluminerie Alouette is owned by an international consortium, led by Alcan of Canada.

ABB 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 more than 100 countries and employs about 146,000 people.



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