

# ABB Ltd Group Auditors' Report

The Stockholders of ABB Ltd:

As auditors of the Group, we have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of ABB Ltd as of December 31, 2004 and 2003, and the related consolidated income statements, statements of cash flows and statements of changes in stockholders' equity for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2004. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Board of Directors. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We confirm that we meet the legal requirements concerning professional qualification and independence.

We did not audit the financial statements of Jorf Lasfar Energy Company, a corporation in which the Company has a 50% interest, (the Company's equity in Jorf Lasfar Energy Company's net income is stated at \$63 million in 2004, \$60 million in 2003 and \$66 million in 2002); and we did not audit the 2002 consolidated financial statements of Swedish Export Credit Corporation, a corporation in which the Company had a 35% interest, (the Company's equity in Swedish Export Credit Corporation's consolidated net income is stated at \$89 million in 2002). Those statements were audited by other auditors whose reports have been furnished to us. Our opinion, insofar as it relates to amounts included for those companies and their subsidiaries, is based solely on the reports of the other auditors.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) and in accordance with auditing standards promulgated by the profession in Switzerland. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. We were not engaged to perform an audit of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits and the reports of other auditors provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, based on our audits and the reports of other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of ABB Ltd at December 31, 2004 and 2003, and the consolidated results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2004, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and comply with Swiss law.

We recommend that the consolidated financial statements submitted to you be approved.

In accordance with Swiss reporting standards, without qualifying our opinion, we are required to draw your attention to Notes 3 and 18 to the consolidated financial statements which describe certain risks and uncertainties relating to the Company's asbestos liabilities.

As discussed in Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements, in 2003 the Company changed its method of consolidation relating to variable interest entities.

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Auditors in charge

Zurich, April 6, 2005

