

ABB wins \$50-million pulp and paper order from Australia

Power and automation systems for new production line at Visy mill

Zurich, Switzerland, Jan. 25, 2008 – ABB, the leading power and automation technology group, has won an order worth \$50 million from Visy Pulp and Paper Pty. Ltd. to supply power and automation systems for a new paperboard production line at the company's Tumut mill in New South Wales, Australia.

The new line will more than double the mill's production capacity, from 300,000 tons to 700,000 tons of paperboard per year. Under the terms of the contract, ABB will provide equipment for power distribution and process electrification of the new production line, as well as drive systems, instrumentation, and quality control and automation systems.

“Our composite plant solutions offer considerable advantages,” said Veli-Matti Reinikkala, head of ABB's Process Automation division. “By integrating key systems for electrical, automation and instrumentation, we can help to increase productivity, reduce energy costs and improve reliability in the plant.”

ABB will be responsible for project management, engineering, equipment installation and commissioning, and staff training. The new paperboard line will be operational in early 2009. The order was booked in the fourth quarter of 2007.

Visy Group, which owns several paper mills in Australia and the United States, awarded ABB a contract in 1999 to install an integrated electrical and industrial automation system at its Tumut mill, with process and control systems to monitor all aspects of pulp and paper manufacturing. That contract was one of ABB's largest pulp and paper projects ever, involving ABB companies from Finland, Sweden, Germany, Singapore and Australia.

ABB (www.abb.com) 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 more than 110,000 people.

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