

ABB wins frame order for 2,100 robots

Five-year agreement will enhance productivity at carmaker BMW

Zurich, Switzerland, April 14, 2009 – ABB, the leading power and automation technology group, has signed a frame agreement with BMW Group to deliver 2,100 industrial robots over five years, beginning in 2010, to support the carmaker's operations in Germany, the U.K. and the U.S.

The robots will be applied in parts handling, gluing and spot welding on car-body assembly lines for BMW's 1-series, 3-series, X5-series and Mini models.

“We are delighted that this major customer has entrusted production lines in three countries to ABB's innovative industrial robotics,” said Anders Jonsson, head of ABB's Robotics division. “Our expertise in products, systems and service for manufacturing ensure high and consistent production quality that helps our customers stay competitive.”

ABB's technology convinced the purchaser in the course of comprehensive endurance tests during the tendering phase.

ABB's industrial robots are reliable, strong, accurate and easy to maintain. ABB will supply and commission a variety of robot models for BMW, including the IRB 6640, 6620, 7600 and the new mid range robot IRB 4600; a compact, light-weight industrial robot with the longest vertical reach in its class.

ABB is a leading supplier of industrial robots, modular manufacturing systems and service. A strong solutions focus helps customers improve productivity, product quality and worker safety. ABB has installed more than 160,000 robots worldwide.

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