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For the month of February 2007

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ABB Ltd

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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This Form 6-K consists of the following:

1. Press release issued by ABB Ltd dated February 15, 2007.
2. Announcements regarding transactions in ABB Ltd's securities made by the directors or members of the Executive Committee.
3. Disclosure of ABB Ltd to the SWX Swiss Exchange dated February 20, 2007.

The information provided by Item 1 above is deemed filed for all purposes under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, including by reference in the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (Registration No. 333-129271).

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ABB Group full-year and Q4 results 2006

Press Release

ABB 2006 net income rises 89% to \$1.4 billion

- 2006 earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT) up 45% at \$2.6 billion
- Full-year EBIT margin advances to 10.6%
- Strong Q4 helps lift full-year orders by 22%, revenues by 11%
- 2006 cash flow from operations doubles to \$2 billion
- Board of Directors will propose a dividend of CHF 0.24 per share

Zurich, Switzerland, February 15, 2007 ABB's net income rose 89 percent to \$1,390 million in 2006 amid strong demand for technology to increase power grid reliability, industrial productivity and energy efficiency.

Revenues for 2006 reached \$24,412 million, an increase of 11 percent (10 percent in local currencies) over 2005, while orders were 22 percent higher (22 percent in local currencies) at \$28,401 million. The order backlog stood at \$16,953 million at the end of 2006, up \$5 billion or 42 percent (33 percent in local currencies) compared to a year earlier.

Growing revenues, higher capacity utilization and further cost reductions all contributed to a 45-percent increase in EBIT to a record \$2,586 million in 2006. The EBIT margin, or EBIT as a percentage of revenues, increased to 10.6 percent from 8.1 percent in 2005.

We have the right technology and market positions to take advantage of the growing global demand for reliable power and higher industrial efficiency, said Fred Kindle, ABB President and Chief Executive Officer. Our order backlog has grown significantly and improved business execution is allowing us to capture more of that growth in our bottom line. We are heading into 2007 in a strong position.

In the fourth quarter ending December 31, 2006, orders rose 36 percent (30 percent in local currencies) while revenues were 21 percent higher (up 16 percent in local currencies) than in the fourth quarter of 2005. Fourth-quarter EBIT increased 43 percent to \$744 million, producing an EBIT margin of 10.4 percent. Net income in the quarter was \$422 million, up 90 percent from the same period a year ago.

2006 Q4 and full-year key figures

| \$ millions unless otherwise indicated | Q4 06 | Q4 05(1) | Change | | Local | 2006 | 2005(1) | Change | | Local | | |
|--|-------------|--------------|----------|---|-------|-------------|---------------|---------------|----|-------|----|---|
| | | | US\$ | % | | | | US\$ | % | | | |
| Orders | 7,479 | 5,502 | 36 | % | 30 | % 28,401 | 23,194 | 22 | % | 22 | % | |
| <i>Order backlog (end Dec.)</i> | | | | | | | <i>16,953</i> | <i>11,956</i> | 42 | % | 33 | % |
| Revenues | 7,188 | 5,917 | 21 | % | 16 | % 24,412 | 22,012 | 11 | % | 10 | % | |
| EBIT | 744 | 522 | 43 | % | | 2,586 | 1,778 | 45 | % | | | |
| <i>as % of revenues</i> | <i>10.4</i> | <i>% 8.8</i> | <i>%</i> | | | <i>10.6</i> | <i>% 8.1</i> | <i>%</i> | | | | |
| Net income | 422 | 222 | 90 | % | | 1,390 | 735 | 89 | % | | | |
| <i>as % of revenues</i> | <i>5.9</i> | <i>% 3.8</i> | <i>%</i> | | | <i>5.7</i> | <i>% 3.3</i> | <i>%</i> | | | | |
| Diluted earnings per share (\$) | 0.19 | 0.11 | | | | 0.63 | 0.36 | | | | | |
| Dividend per share in CHF (proposed) | | | | | | 0.24 | 0.12 | 100 | % | | | |
| Cash flow from operations | 1,040 | 695 | | | | 1,939 | 1,012 | | | | | |
| Free cash flow(2) | | | | | | 1,598 | 902 | | | | | |
| <i>as % of net income(2)</i> | | | | | | <i>115</i> | <i>% 123</i> | <i>%</i> | | | | |
| Return on capital employed(2) | | | | | | 20 | % 14 | % | | | | |

(1) Adjusted to reflect the reclassification of activities to Discontinued operations; (2) Reported only on annual results

Summary of Q4 and full-year 2006 results

Orders received and revenues

The strong full-year and fourth-quarter order growth was driven by favorable demand in most businesses and regions. Utility customers in OECD countries continued to invest in power grid upgrades and interconnections to increase the efficiency and reliability of their networks. In Asia, utilities invested in building new infrastructure to support economic growth, while in the Middle East, demand was supported by the need for power infrastructure to support growth in the oil and gas sector. Demand from industrial customers in all regions was driven by the need to improve efficiency in the face of high energy and raw materials prices, and was supported by the current strength in the global economy. In the power business, industrial customers increasingly require equipment to reliably manage large power flows in, for example, factories, refineries and marine applications.

The Power Systems and Power Products divisions both benefited from strong demand in the fourth quarter. Large power grid investments, for example in the Middle East and Canada, produced an increase in large orders of more than \$800 million in the Power Systems division compared to the same quarter a year earlier. In the Power Products division, volume growth and price increases to offset higher raw materials costs drove the higher order value.

The Automation Products division gained from an increase in large orders from the rail transportation and wind energy sectors in the fourth quarter, and orders were up across all businesses and regions. Price increases related to higher raw material costs also contributed to the increase in the value of orders. Orders in the Process Automation division were up only slightly (flat in local currencies) as large system orders won in the fourth quarter of 2005 could not be repeated in the same quarter in 2006. Orders were higher in the Robotics division in the fourth quarter due to increased demand from the general industry sector.

Large orders (more than \$15 million) almost tripled to \$1,570 million in the fourth quarter and represented 21 percent of total orders received versus 10 percent in the same quarter in 2005. Base orders (less than \$15 million) were up 19 percent (14 percent in local currencies).

The strong fourth-quarter revenue growth reflects both higher product sales during the quarter and the execution of large systems orders won in previous quarters. Full-year 2006 revenues increased on a mix of higher volumes and prices.

Earnings before interest and taxes

The higher EBIT and EBIT margin in both the fourth quarter and full year were achieved through higher revenues and factory loadings, better execution of large projects and further efforts to reduce costs by sourcing production capacity, components and raw material from lower-cost regions. Corporate costs for the full year were \$321 million, \$80 million lower than in 2005. The company incurred \$85 million less in charges associated with consolidation of the transformer business in 2006 compared to 2005, which also contributed to the improved profitability.

The fourth-quarter EBIT margin was below the full-year average for several reasons, including the mix of margins in large project orders flowing through revenues. In addition, a higher proportion of costs was recorded in the fourth quarter related to activities under the transformer consolidation program and legacy project costs in ABB Lummus Global.

Finance expense, taxes and discontinued operations

Below the EBIT line, lower debt in 2006 resulted in a reduction in net finance expense⁽¹⁾ for the full year to \$153 million from \$246 million in 2005. The tax rate for the fourth quarter was 25

(1) Net finance expense is calculated as *Interest and other finance expense* less *Interest and dividend income*.

percent (Q4 2005: 28 percent) and 29 percent for the full year (full year 2005: 32 percent). The decrease was primarily the result of higher earnings from lower-tax jurisdictions.

ABB's remaining Building Systems business was reclassified to discontinued operations in the fourth quarter, reflecting progress made on its divestment. An expected loss on the planned sale was the main contributor to the total \$53-million loss in discontinued operations reported in the quarter. For the full year, discontinued operations reported a loss of \$167 million, mainly the result of losses related to ABB's asbestos obligations and the disposal of businesses.

Cash flow

Cash flow from operations in the fourth quarter improved by more than \$300 million compared to the same quarter in 2005. Included in cash flow in the 2006 quarter was approximately \$100 million in customer advances on large orders received. The improvement in cash flow for the full year versus 2005 reflects in part the approximately \$490-million negative impact from reducing the securitization of receivables in 2005.

Free cash flow⁽²⁾ for the full year increased by 77 percent compared to 2005. The cash conversion ratio⁽³⁾ amounted to 115 percent in 2006, partly the result of some \$460 million in project-related cash advances from customers.

Balance sheet

Net cash (total cash and marketable securities and short-term investments, less total debt) was \$1,508 million at the end of 2006, compared to net debt of \$513 million at the end of 2005. Strong cash flows combined with the reduction in total debt from the early conversion of ABB's previously outstanding \$968-million convertible bond, were the main contributors to the higher net cash position.

ABB contributed approximately \$665 million to fund its various pension plans during 2006, including discretionary pension contributions of approximately \$450 million to local pension funds that were not required to be funded under local laws. This, together with positive asset returns and increasing discount rates were the main factors that allowed ABB to reduce its unfunded pension liability to \$291 million at the end of December 2006 from \$839 million at the end of 2005.

As the result of changes to U.S. accounting rules regarding defined benefit pension plans, the company took a non-cash charge to stockholders equity in the fourth quarter of 2006 of approximately \$415 million. The accounting changes have no impact on ABB's income statement. (Please refer to Appendix I Accounting pronouncements, for further information.)

Gearing⁽⁴⁾ decreased to 34 percent at the end of December 2006, versus 52 percent a year earlier, primarily the result of the early bond conversion mentioned above and the increase in net income in 2006.

As a result of ABB's stronger balance sheet and improved operational performance, the company's credit ratings were increased several levels during 2006. By the end of the year, the ratings were BBB+ with Standard & Poor's (up from BB+ at the beginning of 2006) and Baa1 with Moody's (up from Ba2 at the beginning of 2006).

(2) Free cash flow = cash from operating activities adjusted for changes in financing receivables and net investments in property, plant and equipment.

(3) Cash conversion ratio = free cash flow as a percentage of net income.

(4) Gearing = total debt divided by total debt plus stockholders' equity (including minority interest).

Dividend and authorized capital

For 2006, ABB's Board of Directors will propose a dividend of CHF 0.24 per share, double the level of 2005. The proposal is subject to approval by shareholders at the company's annual general meeting on May 3, 2007 in Zurich, Switzerland. Should the proposal be approved, the ex-dividend date would be May 8, 2007.

ABB's Board of Directors will also recommend that shareholders approve the replacement of the company's previously expired authorized capital. The move would allow ABB to issue up to 200 million shares and is intended to optimize the company's financial flexibility.

Divestitures

In line with its strategy to focus on power and automation technologies, ABB continued to divest non-core activities in 2006, including power lines businesses and a cables business in Ireland. The remaining Building Systems business was reclassified into discontinued operations in the fourth quarter of 2006 reflecting progress in its divestment. In January, 2007, ABB said it had restarted the process to divest its ABB Lummus Global oil and gas business. In February 2007, the company announced that it had agreed to sell its equity investments in two private power plants, part of its Equity Ventures holdings, for \$490 million, and expects the transaction to be closed in the second quarter of 2007.

Senior management appointments

As previously announced, two new members were appointed to ABB's Executive Committee, effective January 1, 2007. Peter Leupp, previously ABB's country manager in China, was named head of the Power Systems division, while Diane de Saint Victor, formerly general counsel at EADS (European Aeronautic Defence and Space Company), was appointed head of the Legal and Compliance function.

In addition, ABB announced in December 2006 that Jürgen Dormann, Chairman of the ABB Board of Directors, has decided not to seek re-election to the ABB Board for a further term. As a consequence, he will retire from the ABB Board after completing his current term as Chairman of the board, at the company's AGM on May 3, 2007.

Asbestos

In 2006, the Plans of Reorganization of ABB's U.S. subsidiaries Combustion Engineering (CE) and ABB Lummus Global (Lummus) became effective following final court approvals. As a result, any future asbestos personal injury claims against those and other ABB entities related to the operations of CE and Lummus will be channeled to the specially-created Personal Injury Trusts set up under the relevant Plans of Reorganization.

Market outlook for 2007

The business environment for ABB in 2007 is not expected to vary significantly from the positive market situation seen in 2006. Demand for power transmission and distribution infrastructure is expected to continue on a high level in Asia, the Middle East and the Americas. Equipment replacement and improved network efficiency and reliability are forecast to be the drivers of higher demand in Europe and North America.

Automation-related industrial investments are expected to continue in most sectors. Overall, automation-related demand growth is expected to be strongest in Asia and the Americas in 2007, with more modest growth in Europe.

In view of the extraordinarily high order growth rates experienced in 2006, order growth is expected to moderate in 2007.

Employment

ABB employed approximately 108,000 people at the end of December 2006, an increase of 4,000 compared to the end of 2005. Most of the increase was in the fast-growing Asia region. Employment was also higher in eastern and western Europe.

Divisional performance Q4 and full year 2006

Power Products

| \$ millions unless otherwise indicated | Q4 06 | Q4 05(1) | Change | | Local | 2006 | 2005(1) | Change | | Local | |
|--|-------|----------|--------|---|-------|---------|---------|--------|---|-------|---|
| | | | US\$ | % | | | | US\$ | % | | |
| Orders | 2,038 | 1,607 | 27 | % | 22 | % 8,743 | 6,879 | 27 | % | 26 | % |
| <i>Order backlog (end Dec.)</i> | | | | | | 4,947 | 3,499 | 41 | % | 34 | % |
| Revenues | 2,285 | 1,861 | 23 | % | 18 | % 7,422 | 6,307 | 18 | % | 16 | % |
| EBIT | 290 | 189 | 53 | % | | 961 | 616 | 56 | % | | |
| as % of revenues | 12.7 | % 10.2 | % | | | 12.9 | % 9.8 | % | | | |
| Cash flow from operations | 386 | 329 | | | | 736 | 566 | | | | |

(1) Adjusted to reflect the reclassification of activities to Discontinued operations

Order growth remained strong in the fourth quarter, as both base and large orders increased substantially. Orders were higher in all business units, led by Transformers, and in all regions. Revenues also increased in all business units in the quarter, reflecting higher volumes from the strong order backlog and some price increases to compensate for higher raw material costs.

Fourth-quarter EBIT and EBIT margin rose significantly for the division, mainly as the result of higher volumes and factory loadings together with lower costs from the transformer consolidation program announced last year. Expenses related to the program were \$14 million in the fourth quarter of 2006 (fourth quarter 2005: \$43 million). Program costs for the full year 2006 amounted to \$38 million (2005: \$123 million).

For the full year 2006, higher demand for power infrastructure improvements led to increased orders and revenues in all business units and regions. EBIT increased 56 percent and the EBIT margin rose 3.1 percentage points as the result of higher volumes, better capacity utilization, and lower transformer consolidation costs.

Power Systems

| \$ millions unless otherwise indicated | Q4 06 | Q4 05 | Change | | Local | 2006 | 2005 | Change | | Local | |
|--|-------|-------|--------|---|-------|---------|-------|--------|---|-------|---|
| | | | US\$ | % | | | | US\$ | % | | |
| Orders | 1,989 | 1,118 | 78 | % | 71 | % 5,733 | 4,468 | 28 | % | 28 | % |
| <i>Order backlog (end Dec.)</i> | | | | | | 5,638 | 4,085 | 38 | % | 29 | % |
| Revenues | 1,429 | 1,169 | 22 | % | 16 | % 4,544 | 4,085 | 11 | % | 10 | % |
| EBIT | 93 | 84 | 11 | % | | 279 | 187 | 49 | % | | |
| as % of revenues | 6.5 | % 7.2 | % | | | 6.1 | % 4.6 | % | | | |
| Cash flow from operations | 185 | 105 | | | | 293 | 122 | | | | |

Orders were sharply higher in the fourth quarter of 2006, which was primarily the result of large project wins, including a \$450-million order in Qatar and a \$180-million order in Canada. Orders were up in all regions by more than 20 percent in both U.S. dollars and local currencies.

Revenues grew in the fourth quarter on increased project execution from the strong order backlog. EBIT increased more than 10 percent compared to the same period in 2005, primarily the result of higher volumes. The EBIT margin decreased versus the fourth quarter of 2005, mainly reflecting a higher proportion of lower-margin projects executed during the quarter compared to the year-earlier period.

For the full year 2006, orders and revenues grew as the demand for power transmission and distribution systems remained strong in all regions. Higher volumes and the resulting increase in capacity utilization, along with improved project selection and execution, were the main drivers of the higher EBIT and EBIT margin compared to 2005.

Automation Products

| \$ millions unless otherwise indicated | Q4 06 | Q4 05 | Change | | Local | 2006 | 2005 | Change | | Local | |
|--|-------|--------|--------|---|-------|---------|--------|--------|---|-------|---|
| | | | US\$ | % | | | | US\$ | % | | |
| Orders | 1,948 | 1,456 | 34 | % | 26 | % 7,706 | 6,210 | 24 | % | 23 | % |
| <i>Order backlog (end Dec.)</i> | | | | | | 2,439 | 1,417 | 72 | % | 60 | % |
| Revenues | 1,923 | 1,553 | 24 | % | 16 | % 6,837 | 5,897 | 16 | % | 15 | % |
| EBIT | 300 | 222 | 35 | % | | 1,053 | 822 | 28 | % | | |
| as % of revenues | 15.6 | % 14.3 | % | | | 15.4 | % 13.9 | % | | | |
| Cash from operations | 274 | 207 | | | | 916 | 484 | | | | |

Orders from industrial customers to further increase operational efficiency continued to grow in all businesses and regions during the fourth quarter. Large orders from the rail transportation sector for traction motors and from wind energy customers for generators and low-voltage systems contributed to the strong increase.

Revenues increased in the quarter mainly due to higher volumes. Higher prices to offset raw materials cost increases also contributed to the revenue growth. Increased revenues, high factory loadings and further migration to lower-cost countries were the prime drivers of an increase in EBIT and EBIT margin versus the same quarter in 2005.

Full-year order and revenue growth reflect the strong market demand seen across most end user segments and in all regions. EBIT and EBIT margin increased as the result of higher volumes and factory loadings, and continuing cost migration efforts.

Process Automation

| \$ millions unless otherwise indicated | Q4 06 | Q4 05 | Change | | Local | 2006 | 2005 | Change | | Local | |
|--|-------|-------|--------|---|-------|---------|-------|--------|---|-------|---|
| | | | US\$ | % | | | | US\$ | % | | |
| Orders | 1,381 | 1,322 | 4 | % | 0 | % 6,550 | 5,400 | 21 | % | 21 | % |
| <i>Order backlog (end. Dec.)</i> | | | | | | 3,991 | 2,647 | 51 | % | 40 | % |
| Revenues | 1,591 | 1,340 | 19 | % | 13 | % 5,448 | 4,996 | 9 | % | 8 | % |
| EBIT | 164 | 113 | 45 | % | | 541 | 398 | 36 | % | | |
| as % of revenues | 10.3 | % 8.4 | % | | | 9.9 | % 8.0 | % | | | |
| Cash from operations | 171 | 100 | | | | 525 | 237 | | | | |

Base orders increased 21 percent in the fourth quarter (15 percent in local currencies), but large orders received in the fourth quarter of 2005 in South Korea and Singapore could not be repeated, which offset the base order increase. Base order growth was driven by demand for process automation systems across most of ABB's industrial end markets, such as oil and gas, pulp and paper, and minerals.

Higher revenues in the fourth quarter reflect primarily the ongoing execution of large project orders awarded in earlier quarters, as well as increased product sales during the fourth quarter of 2006. EBIT and EBIT margin increased substantially over the fourth quarter of 2005, mainly due to higher volumes and improved project management.

Orders for the full-year 2006 achieved a record level, reflecting continued strong demand in most sectors. Revenues increased mainly due to the growing systems business, especially in the minerals and marine sectors, and the products business. Full-year EBIT increased as the result of higher volumes, better pricing, improved project management, and ongoing cost migration initiatives.

Robotics

| \$ millions unless otherwise indicated | Q4 06 | Q4 05 | Change | | 2006 | 2005 | Change | |
|--|-------|--------|--------|---------|-------|-------|--------|---------|
| | | | US\$ | Local | | | US\$ | Local |
| Orders | 351 | 277 | 27 | % 20 | 1,240 | 1,496 | (17) |)% (18) |
| <i>Order backlog (end Dec.)</i> | | | | | 441 | 506 | (13) |)% (19) |
| Revenues | 342 | 500 | (32) |)% (35) | 1,288 | 1,699 | (24) |)% (25) |
| EBIT | (12) | 12 | n/a | | 1 | 91 | (99) |)% |
| as % of revenues | (3.5) |)% 2.4 | % | | 0.1 | % 5.4 | % | |
| Cash from operations | 47 | 42 | | | 30 | (11) | | |

Orders received increased in the fourth quarter, primarily from the general industry sector, such as packaging, consumer electronics and food processing. Order growth was led by North America and Asia, mainly China. Revenues fell in the quarter, however, reflecting the declining order backlog that has resulted from the generally sluggish demand from U.S. and European automotive manufacturers and their major suppliers in recent quarters.

The division continued to take steps to improve project execution, reduce costs and refocus the product offering. Costs associated with these actions, combined with lower revenues and special charges related to a large project, resulted in a decline in EBIT and EBIT margin in the fourth quarter.

Full-year 2006 orders and revenues were significantly lower than the year before as demand remained weak in ABB's key automotive end markets in North America and Europe. Service revenues and sales to general industry in the year were higher which partly mitigated the costs associated with the division's operational improvement program, resulting in a breakeven EBIT for the year.

Non-core activities

With the reclassification of Building Systems to discontinued operations in the fourth quarter of 2006, ABB's Non-core activities now comprise the ABB Lummus Global oil, gas and petrochemicals business, a portfolio of equity investments in power and other infrastructure projects, and ABB's real estate management activities. (Please refer to Appendix II for further information on the impact of reclassifications of activities to discontinued operations in 2006.)

Non-core activities reported an EBIT loss of \$5 million in the fourth quarter on revenues of \$359 million, primarily the result of costs related to outstanding claims on an ABB Lummus Global project.

Income from the Equity Ventures portfolio and gains from real estate activities comprised most of the full-year Non-core EBIT of \$72 million. ABB Lummus Global reported a breakeven EBIT for the full year.

Corporate

Corporate costs decreased in the fourth quarter of 2006, mainly reflecting continued focus on the reduction of corporate costs in the countries and in the Headquarters. For the full year 2006, Corporate costs amounted to \$321 million compared to \$401 million in 2005.

More information

The 2006 Q4 results press release and presentation slides are available from February 15, 2007 on the ABB News Center at www.abb.com/news and on the Investor Relations homepage at www.abb.com/investorrelations.

ABB will host a press conference today starting at 10:00 a.m. Central European Time (CET). U.K. callers should dial +44 20 7107 0611. From Sweden, +46 8 5069 2105, and from the rest of Europe, +41 91 610 56 00. Lines will be open 15 minutes before the start of the conference. Audio playback of the call will start one hour after the call ends and will be available for 72 hours: Playback numbers: +44 20 7108 6233 (U.K.), +41 91 612 4330 (rest of Europe) or +1 866 416 2558 (U.S./Canada). The code is 354, followed by the # key.

A meeting for **analysts and investors** is scheduled to begin today at 2:00 p.m. CET (8:00 a.m. EST). Callers should dial +1 412 858 4600 (from the U.S./Canada) or +41 91 610 56 00 (Europe and the rest of the world). Callers are requested to phone in 10 minutes before the start of the call. The audio playback of the call will start one hour after the end of the call and be available for 96 hours. Playback numbers: +1 866 416 2558 (U.S./Canada) or +41 91 612 4330 (Europe and the rest of the world). The code is 558, followed by the # key.

Investor calendar 2007

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| Q1 2007 results | April 26, 2007 |
| ABB Ltd Annual General Meeting | May 3, 2007 |
| Q2 2007 results | July 26, 2007 |
| Q3 2007 results | October 25, 2007 |

ABB (www.abb.com) 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 around 100 countries and employs about 108,000 people.

Zurich, February 15, 2007
 Fred Kindle, CEO

Important notice about forward-looking information

This press release includes forward-looking information and statements including statements concerning the outlook for our businesses. These statements are based on current expectations, estimates and projections about the factors that may affect our future performance, including the economic conditions of the regions and industries that are major markets for ABB Ltd. These expectations, estimates and projections are generally identifiable by statements containing words such as expects, believes, estimates, targets, plans or similar expressions. However, there are many risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond our control, that could cause our actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking information and statements made in this press release and which could affect our ability to achieve any or all of our stated targets. The important factors that could cause such differences include, among others, the amount of revenues we are able to generate from order backlogs and orders received, raw materials prices, market acceptance of new products and services, changes in governmental regulations and costs associated with compliance activities, interest rates, fluctuations in currency exchange rates and such other factors as may be discussed from time to time in ABB's filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, including its Annual Reports on Form 20-F. Although ABB Ltd believes that its expectations reflected in any such forward-looking statement are based upon reasonable assumptions, it can give no assurance that those expectations will be achieved.

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Appendix I

Reclassifications

Amounts reported for prior periods in the consolidated financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the current period's presentation, primarily as a result of the application of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 144 Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets (SFAS 144), in reflecting assets and liabilities held for sale and in discontinued operations.

CE asbestos obligations

During the second quarter of 2006, the Modified CE Plan of Reorganization for Combustion Engineering (CE), a subsidiary of ABB in the U.S., became effective. Certain actions taken in connection with making the Plan effective resulted in changes to our consolidated financial statements. These changes are summarized below. For additional information, regarding the background of the Modified CE Plan of Organization, our asbestos obligations and the Plan effective date, please refer to ABB's 2005 Annual Report on Form 20-F, as well as our third quarter press release dated October 26, 2006.

The 30,298,913 ABB shares reserved to cover part of ABB's asbestos liabilities were contributed to the Combustion Engineering 524(g) Asbestos Personal Injury Trust (PI Trust) on April 20, 2006, and resulted in a reduction in *Asbestos obligations*, and an increase in the *Capital stock and additional paid-in capital* of \$407 million. In addition, the mark-to-market accounting treatment of the ABB CE Settlement Shares contributed to the PI Trust, resulted in an expense of \$114 million in the item *Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax* in ABB's consolidated income statement for the twelve month period ended December 31, 2006. Following the effective date of the Plan, ABB discounted the ABB promissory notes and other required asbestos contributions at our incremental borrowing rate. The total discount adjustment on the value of the ABB promissory notes and other required contributions resulted in non-cash income of approximately \$45 million, which is reflected in the item *Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax* in the consolidated income statement for the twelve month period ended December 31, 2006.

Debt securities transactions

In the second quarter of 2006, a bond conversion of ABB's previously outstanding \$968-million, 4.625-percent convertible bonds due in May 2007 was completed, resulting in the issuance of approximately 105 million new ABB shares and approximately 2 million treasury shares. Expenses of \$55 million related to the induced conversion were recorded in the second quarter 2006 consolidated income statement in *Interest and other finance expense, net*. As a result of the transaction, ABB's total debt decreased by approximately \$930 million and equity increased by a similar amount. For further details regarding this transaction, please refer to ABB's second quarter press release dated July 27, 2006.

ABB also completed a bond exchange offering in the second quarter of 2006 to extend the maturity profile of its outstanding public debt. The offering related to its 9.5-percent \$500-million bonds due 2008, and its 10-percent £200-million bonds due 2009. Following the completion of the offer, ABB issued new 4.625-percent \$700-million bonds due 2013. As a result, the principal remaining amount outstanding for the 2008 bonds is approximately \$77 million, and approximately £20 million for the 2009 bonds. For further details regarding this transaction, please refer to ABB's second quarter press release dated July 27, 2006.

Employee benefits funding

During the twelve months ended December 31, 2006, ABB made \$690 million of contributions, including discretionary contributions of approximately \$450 million, to its pension and other post-retirement benefit plans. The majority of the current year contributions have been made in the form of marketable securities.

Accounting pronouncements

In September 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued SFAS No. 158, *Employers' Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans* an amendment of FASB Statements No. 87, 88, 106, and 132(R). SFAS No. 158 requires an employer to recognize in its statement of financial position an asset for a plan's overfunded status or a liability for a plan's underfunded status, measure a plan's assets and its obligations that determine its funded status as of the end of the employer's fiscal year, and recognize changes in the funded status of a defined benefit

postretirement plan in the year in which the changes occur. Those changes are reported in Accumulated other comprehensive income/loss and as a separate component of stockholders' equity. ABB adopted SFAS No. 158 in the fourth quarter of 2006. The adoption of SFAS 158 resulted in a non-cash charge to equity, net of tax, of approximately \$415 million. The adoption of SFAS 158 did not affect the consolidated income statements.

In June 2006, the FASB issued FASB Interpretation No. 48 Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes (an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109) which is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006. This interpretation was issued to clarify the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in the financial statements by prescribing a more likely than not threshold measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. If there are changes in net assets as a result of application of FIN 48, these will be accounted for as an adjustment to retained earnings. (The new guidance will be effective for ABB on January 1, 2007.) ABB expects the transition effects to consist of reclassification of certain income-tax related liabilities in its consolidated financial statements and an immaterial adjustment to the balance of Retained earnings. Prior periods will not be restated as a result of this change.

Local currencies

The results of operations and financial position of many of ABB's non-U.S. subsidiaries are recorded in the currencies of the countries in which those subsidiaries reside. The company refers to these as local currencies. However, ABB reports its operational and financial results in U.S. dollars. Differences in our results in local currencies as compared to U.S. dollars are caused exclusively by changes in currency exchange rates.

Segment reporting

As disclosed in our 2005 Annual Report on Form 20-F, beginning in the first quarter of 2006, ABB modified its reporting from two primary reportable segments to five primary reportable segments due to organizational changes to strengthen the Company's focus on customer relationships and growth. Therefore the segment disclosures for 2005 have been reclassified to conform to the current presentation.

Appendix II

2006 quarterly revenues and EBIT by division, adjusted for reclassifications to discontinued operations

Adjustments made in Power Products, Non-core activities and ABB Group

| US\$ millions | Revenues | | | EBIT | | |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | Q1 2006 | Q2 2006 | Q3 2006 | Q1 2006 | Q2 2006 | Q3 2006 |
| Power Products(1) | 1,463 | 1,821 | 1,853 | 173 | 245 | 253 |
| Power Systems | 1,012 | 1,031 | 1,072 | 48 | 62 | 76 |
| Automation Products | 1,530 | 1,684 | 1,700 | 221 | 262 | 270 |
| Process Automation | 1,235 | 1,300 | 1,322 | 118 | 120 | 139 |
| Robotics | 333 | 332 | 281 | 1 | 7 | 5 |
| Non-core activities(2) | 304 | 368 | 338 | 35 | 19 | 23 |
| Corporate | (530) | (625) | (600) | (81) | (72) | (82) |
| Total ABB | 5,347 | 5,911 | 5,966 | 515 | 643 | 684 |

2006 quarterly net income adjusted for reclassifications to discontinued operations

| | | | |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Discontinued operations | (95) | 8 | (27) |
| Net income | 204 | 367 | 397 |

(1) A low-voltage cable business in Ireland was reclassified to Discontinued operations in Q3 2006; (2) ABB's remaining Building Systems business was reclassified to Discontinued operations in Q4 2006.

Appendix III

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ABB fourth-quarter (Q4) and full-year 2006 key figures

| \$ millions unless otherwise indicated | | Q4 06 | Q4 05(1) | Change | | 2006 | 2005(1) | Change | | |
|--|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------|-------------|----------|
| | | | | US\$ | Local | | | US\$ | Local | |
| Orders | Group | 7,479 | 5,502 | 36 | % 30 | % 28,401 | 23,194 | 22 | % 22 | % |
| | Power Products | 2,038 | 1,607 | 27 | % 22 | % 8,743 | 6,879 | 27 | % 26 | % |
| | Power Systems | 1,989 | 1,118 | 78 | % 71 | % 5,733 | 4,468 | 28 | % 28 | % |
| | Automation Products | 1,948 | 1,456 | 34 | % 26 | % 7,706 | 6,210 | 24 | % 23 | % |
| | Process Automation | 1,381 | 1,322 | 4 | % 0 | % 6,550 | 5,400 | 21 | % 21 | % |
| | Robotics | 351 | 277 | 27 | % 20 | % 1,240 | 1,496 | -17 | % -18 | % |
| | Non-core activities | 410 | 244 | 68 | % 60 | % 1,551 | 1,059 | 46 | % 44 | % |
| | Corporate (consolidation) | -638 | -522 | | | | -3,122 | -2,318 | | |
| Revenues | Group | 7,188 | 5,917 | 21 | % 16 | % 24,412 | 22,012 | 11 | % 10 | % |
| | Power Products | 2,285 | 1,861 | 23 | % 18 | % 7,422 | 6,307 | 18 | % 16 | % |
| | Power Systems | 1,429 | 1,169 | 22 | % 16 | % 4,544 | 4,085 | 11 | % 10 | % |
| | Automation Products | 1,923 | 1,553 | 24 | % 16 | % 6,837 | 5,897 | 16 | % 15 | % |
| | Process Automation | 1,591 | 1,340 | 19 | % 13 | % 5,448 | 4,996 | 9 | % 8 | % |
| | Robotics | 342 | 500 | -32 | % -35 | % 1,288 | 1,699 | -24 | % -25 | % |
| | Non-core activities | 359 | 112 | 221 | % 174 | % 1,369 | 1,348 | 2 | % 1 | % |
| | Corporate (consolidation) | -741 | -618 | | | | -2,496 | -2,320 | | |
| EBIT | Group | 744 | 522 | 43 | % | 2,586 | 1,778 | 45 | % | % |
| | Power Products | 290 | 189 | 53 | % | 961 | 616 | 56 | % | % |
| | Power Systems | 93 | 84 | 11 | % | 279 | 187 | 49 | % | % |
| | Automation Products | 300 | 222 | 35 | % | 1,053 | 822 | 28 | % | % |
| | Process Automation | 164 | 113 | 45 | % | 541 | 398 | 36 | % | % |
| | Robotics | -12 | 12 | n.a. | | 1 | 91 | -99 | % | % |
| | Non-core activities | -5 | 15 | n.a. | | 72 | 65 | 11 | % | % |
| | Corporate | -86 | -113 | 24 | % | -321 | -401 | 20 | % | % |
| EBIT margin (%) | Group | 10.4 | % 8.8 | % | | 10.6 | % 8.1 | % | | |
| | Power Products | 12.7 | % 10.2 | % | | 12.9 | % 9.8 | % | | |
| | Power Systems | 6.5 | % 7.2 | % | | 6.1 | % 4.6 | % | | |
| | Automation Products | 15.6 | % 14.3 | % | | 15.4 | % 13.9 | % | | |
| | Process Automation | 10.3 | % 8.4 | % | | 9.9 | % 8.0 | % | | |
| | Robotics | -3.5 | % 2.4 | % | | 0.1 | % 5.4 | % | | |
| | Non-core activities | n.a. | 13.4 | % | | 5.3 | % 4.8 | % | | |

(1) Adjusted to reflect the reclassification of activities to Discontinued operations

Q4 and full-year 2006 orders received and revenues by region**Q4 2006**

| \$ millions | Orders received | | Change | | Revenues | | Change | | | |
|------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|----------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|----------|----------|
| | Q4 06 | Q4 05(1) | US\$ | Local | Q4 06 | Q4 05(1) | US\$ | Local | | |
| Europe | 2,949 | 2,491 | 18 | % 12 | % 3,364 | 2,634 | 28 | % 20 | % | % |
| Americas | 1,566 | 1,004 | 56 | % 53 | % 1,249 | 1,284 | -3 | % -6 | % | % |
| Asia | 1,772 | 1,380 | 28 | % 23 | % 1,820 | 1,543 | 18 | % 14 | % | % |
| Middle East and Africa | 1,192 | 627 | 90 | % 80 | % 755 | 456 | 66 | % 56 | % | % |
| Group total | 7,479 | 5,502 | 36 | % 30 | % 7,188 | 5,917 | 21 | % 16 | % | % |

Full year 2006

| | 2006 | 2005(1) | US\$ | Local | 2006 | 2005(1) | US\$ | Local | |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|-------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------|-------------|----------|
| Europe | 12,547 | 10,545 | 19 | % 18 | % 11,435 | 10,709 | 7 | % 6 | % |
| Americas | 5,183 | 4,443 | 17 | % 15 | % 4,526 | 4,231 | 7 | % 5 | % |
| Asia | 6,998 | 5,773 | 21 | % 21 | % 6,103 | 5,127 | 19 | % 18 | % |
| Middle East and Africa | 3,673 | 2,433 | 51 | % 52 | % 2,348 | 1,945 | 21 | % 21 | % |
| Group total | 28,401 | 23,194 | 22 | % 22 | % 24,412 | 22,012 | 11 | % 10 | % |

(1) Adjusted to reflect the reclassification of activities to Discontinued operations

Appendix IV - Summary Financial Information

ABB Ltd
Consolidated Income Statements (unaudited)

| \$millions, except per share data | Year ended December 31, | | Three months ended December 31, | |
|---|----------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| | 2006 | 2005* | 2006 | 2005* |
| Sales of products | \$ 20,630 | \$ 18,664 | \$ 6,124 | \$ 4,970 |
| Sales of services | 3,782 | 3,348 | 1,064 | 947 |
| Total revenues | 24,412 | 22,012 | 7,188 | 5,917 |
| Cost of products | (14,968) | (14,096) | (4,489) | (3,630) |
| Cost of services | (2,573) | (2,309) | (721) | (760) |
| Total cost of sales | (17,541) | (16,405) | (5,210) | (4,390) |
| Gross profit | 6,871 | 5,607 | 1,978 | 1,527 |
| Selling, general & administrative expenses | (4,434) | (3,883) | (1,274) | (1,005) |
| Other income, net | 149 | 54 | 40 | |
| Earnings before interest and taxes | 2,586 | 1,778 | 744 | 522 |
| Interest and dividend income | 151 | 157 | 41 | 42 |
| Interest and other finance expense | (304) | (403) | (67) | (91) |
| Income from continuing operations before taxes, minority interest and cumulative effect of accounting change | 2,433 | 1,532 | 718 | 473 |
| Provision for taxes | (697) | (490) | (183) | (131) |
| Minority interest | (179) | (131) | (60) | (47) |
| Income from continuing operations before cumulative effect of accounting change | 1,557 | 911 | 475 | 295 |
| Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax | (167) | (171) | (53) | (68) |
| Cumulative effect of accounting change, net of tax | | (5) | | (5) |
| Net income | \$ 1,390 | \$ 735 | \$ 422 | \$ 222 |
| Basic earnings per share | | | | |
| Income from continuing operations before cumulative effect of accounting change | \$ 0.73 | \$ 0.45 | \$ 0.22 | \$ 0.15 |
| Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax | (0.08) | (0.09) | (0.03) | (0.04) |
| Cumulative effect of accounting change, net of tax | | | | |
| Net income | \$ 0.65 | \$ 0.36 | \$ 0.19 | \$ 0.11 |
| Weighted average basic shares (in millions) | 2,128 | 2,029 | 2,176 | 2,032 |
| Diluted earnings per share | | | | |
| Income from continuing operations before cumulative effect of accounting change | \$ 0.71 | \$ 0.44 | \$ 0.21 | \$ 0.14 |
| Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax | (0.08) | (0.08) | (0.02) | (0.03) |
| Cumulative effect of accounting change, net of tax | | | | |
| Net income | \$ 0.63 | \$ 0.36 | \$ 0.19 | \$ 0.11 |
| Weighted average diluted shares (in millions) | 2,248 | 2,138 | 2,299 | 2,145 |

* Adjusted to reflect the reclassification of activities to discontinued operations

ABB Ltd
Consolidated Balance Sheets (unaudited)

| Year ended December 31, (in millions) | December 31, 2006 | December 31, 2005* |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Cash and equivalents | \$ 4,262 | \$ 3,221 |
| Marketable securities & short-term investments | 528 | 368 |
| Receivables, net | 7,276 | 6,405 |
| Inventories, net | 3,880 | 3,006 |
| Prepaid expenses | 252 | 250 |
| Deferred taxes | 577 | 473 |
| Other current assets | 238 | 187 |
| Assets held for sale and in discontinued operations | 164 | 262 |
| Total current assets | 17,177 | 14,172 |
| Financing receivables | 555 | 645 |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | 2,811 | 2,547 |
| Goodwill | 2,581 | 2,479 |
| Other intangible assets, net | 309 | 347 |
| Prepaid pension and other employee benefits | 375 | 601 |
| Investments in equity method companies | 636 | 618 |
| Deferred taxes | 523 | 628 |
| Other non-current assets | 175 | 239 |
| Total assets | \$ 25,142 | \$ 22,276 |
| Accounts payable, trade | \$ 3,936 | \$ 3,203 |
| Accounts payable, other | 1,184 | 1,171 |
| Short-term debt and current maturities of long-term debt | 122 | 169 |
| Advances from customers | 1,526 | 987 |
| Deferred taxes | 227 | 183 |
| Provision and other | 3,003 | 2,635 |
| Accrued expenses | 1,941 | 1,876 |
| Asbestos obligations | 154 | 1,128 |
| Liabilities held for sale and in discontinued operations | 283 | 370 |
| Total current liabilities | 12,376 | 11,722 |
| Long-term debt | 3,160 | 3,933 |
| Pension and other employee benefits | 885 | 1,130 |
| Deferred taxes | 769 | 691 |
| Asbestos obligations | 307 | |
| Other liabilities | 1,156 | 976 |
| Total liabilities | 18,653 | 18,452 |
| Minority interest | 451 | 341 |
| Stockholders' equity: | | |
| Capital stock and additional paid-in capital | 4,514 | 3,121 |
| Retained earnings | 3,647 | 2,460 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (2,019) | (1,962) |
| Less: Treasury stock, at cost (8,782,721 and 11,531,106 shares at December 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005) | (104) | (136) |
| Total stockholders' equity | 6,038 | 3,483 |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$ 25,142 | \$ 22,276 |

* Adjusted to reflect the reclassification of activities to discontinued operations

ABB Ltd
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (unaudited)

| \$millions | Year ended December 31, | | Three months ended December 31, | |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| | 2006 | 2005 | 2006 | 2005 |
| Operating Activities | | | | |
| Net income | \$ 1,390 | \$ 735 | \$ 422 | \$ 222 |
| <i>Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:</i> | | | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 570 | 597 | 156 | 154 |
| Provisions | 243 | 466 | 114 | 291 |
| Pension and postretirement benefits | (4) | (62) | (9) | (116) |
| Deferred taxes | 113 | 38 | 22 | 37 |
| Net gain from sale of property, plant and equipment | (76) | (44) | (22) | (8) |
| Income from equity accounted companies | (95) | (109) | (28) | (31) |
| Minority interest | 179 | 131 | 61 | 48 |
| Other | 190 | 175 | 44 | (50) |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities: | | | | |
| Trade receivables | (594) | (892) | (127) | (338) |
| Inventories | (512) | (328) | 256 | 255 |
| Trade payables | 388 | 26 | 109 | (34) |
| Advances from customers | 461 | 161 | 102 | 38 |
| Other assets and liabilities, net | (314) | 118 | (60) | 227 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 1,939 | 1,012 | 1,040 | 695 |
| Investing Activities | | | | |
| Changes in financing receivables | 67 | 229 | 30 | 96 |
| Purchases of marketable securities and short-term investments (other than trading) | (4,743) | (1,915) | (1,368) | (347) |
| Purchases of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets | (536) | (456) | (218) | (143) |
| Acquisition of businesses (net of cash acquired) | (3) | (27) | (3) | (11) |
| Proceeds from sales of marketable securities and short-term investments (other than trading) | 4,366 | 1,833 | 1,339 | 408 |
| Proceeds from sales of property, plant and equipment | 128 | 117 | 58 | 70 |
| Proceeds from sales of businesses (net of cash disposed) | 27 | (97) | 9 | (34) |
| Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities | (694) | (316) | (153) | 39 |
| Financing Activities | | | | |
| Changes in borrowings with maturities of 90 days or less | (26) | (9) | (14) | (76) |
| Increases in borrowings | 151 | 155 | 81 | 24 |
| Repayment of borrowings | (189) | (978) | (88) | (352) |
| Payments made upon bond conversion | (72) | | | |
| Payments made upon bond exchange | (111) | | 3 | |
| Treasury and capital stock transactions | 47 | 35 | 47 | 35 |
| Payment of dividends | (203) | | | |
| Other | 11 | (99) | 105 | (92) |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities | (392) | (896) | 134 | (461) |
| Effects of exchange rate changes on cash and equivalents | 184 | (259) | 53 | (34) |
| Adjustment for the net change in cash and equivalents in assets held for sale and in discontinued operations | 4 | 14 | (1) | (4) |
| Net change in cash and equivalents - continuing operations | 1,041 | (445) | 1,073 | 235 |
| Cash and equivalents beginning of period | 3,221 | 3,666 | 3,189 | 2,986 |
| Cash and equivalents end of period | \$ 4,262 | \$ 3,221 | \$ 4,262 | \$ 3,221 |
| Interest paid | \$ 274 | \$ 332 | \$ 50 | \$ 81 |
| Taxes paid | \$ 594 | \$ 325 | \$ 168 | \$ 60 |

* Adjusted to reflect the reclassification of activities to discontinued operations

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Consolidated Statements of Changes in Stockholders' Equity for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2006 (unaudited)

| \$millions (unaudited) | Accumulated other comprehensive loss | | | | | | | | Total stockholders equity |
|---|--|-------------------|---|---|--|---|--|----------------|---------------------------|
| | Capital stock and additional paid-in capital | Retained earnings | Foreign currency translation adjustment | Unrealized gain (loss) on available-for-sale securities | Pension and other employee benefit adjustments | Unrealized gain (loss) of cash flow hedge derivatives | Total accumulated other comprehensive loss | Treasury stock | |
| Balance at January 1, 2005 | \$ 3,083 | \$ 1,725 | \$ (1,708) | \$ 12 | \$ (206) | \$ 56 | \$ (1,846) | \$ (138) | \$ 2,824 |
| Comprehensive income: | | | | | | | | | |
| Net income | | 735 | | | | | | | 735 |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments | | | (52) | | | | (52) | | (52) |
| Accumulated foreign currency translation adjustments allocated to divestments of businesses | | | 4 | | | | 4 | | 4 |
| Effect of change in fair value of available-for-sale securities, net of tax | | | | (11) | | | (11) | | (11) |
| Minimum pension liability adjustments, net of tax | | | | | (8) | | (8) | | (8) |
| Change in derivatives qualifying as cash flow hedges, net of tax | | | | | | (49) | (49) | | (49) |
| Total comprehensive income | | | | | | | | | 619 |
| Employee plan issuances | 39 | | | | | | | | 39 |
| Treasury share transactions | (1) | | | | | | | 2 | 1 |
| Balance at December 31, 2005 | \$ 3,121 | \$ 2,460 | \$ (1,756) | \$ 1 | \$ (214) | \$ 7 | \$ (1,962) | \$ (136) | \$ 3,483 |
| Balance at January 1, 2006 | \$ 3,121 | \$ 2,460 | \$ (1,756) | \$ 1 | \$ (214) | \$ 7 | \$ (1,962) | \$ (136) | \$ 3,483 |
| Comprehensive income: | | | | | | | | | |
| Net income | | 1,390 | | | | | | | 1,390 |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments | | | 294 | | | | 294 | | 294 |
| Effect of change in fair value of available-for-sale securities, net of tax | | | | (3) | | | (3) | | (3) |
| Adjustment to initially apply FASB Statement No. 158, net of tax | | | | | (415) | | (415) | | (415) |
| Change in derivatives qualifying as cash flow hedges, net of tax | | | | | | 67 | 67 | | 67 |
| Total comprehensive income | | | | | | | | | 1,333 |
| Treasury share transactions | (1) | | | | | | | 1 | |
| Shares issued to Asbestos PI Trust (CE Settlement Shares) | 407 | | | | | | | | 407 |
| Payment of dividends | | (203) | | | | | | | (203) |
| Conversion of convertible bonds | 903 | | | | | | | 25 | 928 |
| Employee incentive plans including Share issuance | 68 | | | | | | | 6 | 74 |
| Call options | 16 | | | | | | | | 16 |
| Balance at December 31, 2006 | \$ 4,514 | \$ 3,647 | \$ (1,462) | \$ (2) | \$ (629) | \$ 74 | \$ (2,019) | \$ (104) | \$ 6,038 |

Appendix V

ABB Ltd
Reconciliation of financial measures regarding fiscal year 2006
(\$ millions, unaudited)

Return on capital employed (after tax)

= $EBIT \times (1 - \text{tax rate}) / \text{Capital employed}$

| | |
|--|---------------|
| EBIT | 2,586 |
| Provision for taxes | 697 |
| Income from continuing operations before taxes, minority interest and cumulative effect of accounting change | 2,433 |
| Tax rate | 28.6 % |

Capital employed

= $\text{fixed assets} + \text{net working capital}$

| | |
|--|--------------|
| Property, plant and equipment, net | 2,811 |
| Goodwill | 2,581 |
| Other intangible assets, net | 309 |
| Investments in equity method companies | 636 |
| Fixed assets | 6,337 |
| Receivables, net | 7,276 |
| Inventories, net | 3,880 |
| Prepaid expenses | 252 |
| Accounts payable, trade | (3,936) |
| Accounts payable, other | (1,184) |
| Advances from customers | (1,526) |
| Accrued expenses | (1,941) |
| Net working capital | 2,821 |
| Capital employed | 9,158 |
| ROCE (after tax) | 20 % |

Return on capital employed (ROCE) is a financial measure defined above that management believes is a useful performance measure to assess how efficiently we are using our capital. ABB has published a ROCE performance target for 2009.

Free cash flow as a share of net income

| | |
|--|--------------|
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 1,939 |
| Changes in financing receivables | 67 |
| Purchases of property, plant and equipment | (536) |
| Proceeds from sales of property, plant and equipment | 128 |
| Free cash flow | 1,598 |
| Net income | 1,390 |
| Free cash flow as a share of net income | 115 % |

Free cash flow as a share of net income (also referred to as cash conversion ratio) is a financial measure that is calculated by dividing our FCF by our net income. Management believes FCF and the cash conversion ratio are measures that are helpful in analyzing the cash generated and it uses FCF as a share of net income as a performance target.

Net cash

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| Short-term debt and current maturities of long-term debt | (122) |
| Long-term debt | (3,160) |
| Total debt | (3,282) |
| Cash and equivalents | 4,262 |
| Marketable securities and short-term investments | 528 |
| Cash and marketable securities | 4,790 |
| Net cash | 1,508 |

Net cash is a financial measure that is calculated as cash and equivalents plus marketable securities and short-term investments, less total debt.

Gearing

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| Total debt | 3,282 |
| Total stockholders' equity | 6,038 |
| Minority interest | 451 |
| Gearing | 34 % |

Gearing is a financial measure that is calculated as total debt divided by the sum of total debt plus total stockholders' equity, including minority interest. Total debt used for the purpose of calculating net debt and gearing equals long-term debt plus short-term debt and current maturities of long-term debt. Management believes net cash and gearing are helpful in analyzing leverage and considers both measures in evaluating possible financing transactions.

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ABB Ltd announces that the following members of the Executive Committee or Board of Directors of ABB have purchased or sold ABB s registered shares or warrants or warrant appreciation rights (WARRs), in the following amounts:

| Name | Date | No. of warrants/WARR s sold | No. of shares purchased | No. of shares sold | Price per share/warrant/WARR |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| Dinesh Paliwal | October 27, 2006 | | | 198,000 | USD 15.03 |
| Dinesh Paliwal | October 30, 2006 | | | 1,904 | USD 18.55 |
| Veli-Matti Reinikkala | October 30, 2006 | | 2,000 | | USD 14.92 |
| Veli-Matti Reinikkala | October 30, 2006 | | 2,000 | | USD 14.94 |
| Bernhard Jucker | November 1, 2006 | 156,250 Warrants | | | CHF 1.359264 |
| Bernhard Jucker | November 2, 2006 | | 7,138 | | CHF 18.45 |
| Bernhard Jucker | November 2, 2006 | 156,250 WARR s | | | CHF 1.320 |
| Tom Sjökvist | November 6, 2006 | 312,500 WARR s | | | CHF 1.35 |
| Jürgen Dormann | November 6, 2006 | | | 50,000 | CHF 18.80 |
| Jürgen Dormann | November 7, 2006 | | | 50,000 | CHF 19.10 |
| Michel Demaré | November 14, 2006 | | 970 | | CHF 10.30 |
| Anders Jonsson* | November 14, 2006 | | 1,940 | | CHF 10.30 |
| Ulrich Spiesshofer | November 14, 2006 | | 970 | | CHF 10.30 |
| Tom Sjökvist | November 14, 2006 | | 970 | | CHF 10.30 |
| Veli-Matti Reinikkala | November 14, 2006 | | 1,030 | | USD 7.88 |
| Dinesh Paliwal | November 14, 2006 | | 1,030 | | USD 7.88 |
| Bernhard Jucker | November 14, 2006 | | 990 | | CHF 10.30 |
| Jürgen Dormann | November 14, 2006 | | | 100,000 | CHF 19.60 |

* 970 shares purchased by Ulla Jonsson, the spouse of Anders Jonsson

Members of the Board of Directors receive at least 50 percent (and may elect to receive a higher ratio) of their net compensation (i.e., after deduction of social security costs and withholding tax, where applicable) in ABB registered shares, which they are entitled to receive at a discount of 10 percent of the average share trading price during a 30-day reference period. ABB Ltd announces that on November 6, 2006 the following members of the Board of Directors of ABB have been granted ABB registered shares, in the following amounts:

| Name and Position | Number of shares granted | Price per share | Value of grant |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Jürgen Dormann Chairman of the Board of Directors | 15,870 | CHF 18.80 | CHF 298,356 |
| Roger Agnelli Member of the Board of Directors | 3,109 | CHF 18.80 | CHF 58,449 |
| Louis R. Hughes Member of the Board of Directors | 3,109 | CHF 18.80 | CHF 58,449 |
| Hans Ulrich Märki Member of the Board of Directors | 9,475 | CHF 18.80 | CHF 178,130 |
| Michel de Rosen Member of the Board of Directors | 3,109 | CHF 18.80 | CHF 58,449 |
| Michael Treschow Member of the Board of Directors | 2,877 | CHF 18.80 | CHF 54,088 |
| Bernd W. Voss Member of the Board of Directors | 6,976 | CHF 18.80 | CHF 131,149 |
| Jacob Wallenberg Member of the Board of Directors | 3,109 | CHF 18.80 | CHF 58,449 |

Disclosure of Shareholdings

Fidelity's holdings in ABB increase beyond 5 Percent

Zurich, Switzerland, Feb. 20, 2007 Pursuant to Art. 20 of SWX stock exchange act, FMR Corp., 82 Devonshire Street, Boston, MA 02109, USA, announced that, as per February 14, 2007 it, together with its direct and indirect subsidiaries, holds for its funds and clients a total of 109,485,941 registered shares of ABB Ltd, Zurich. This corresponds to slightly above 5.0 percent of total capital and voting rights.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

ABB LTD

Date: February 20, 2007

By: /s/ FRANCOIS CHAMPAGNE
Name: Francois Champagne
Title: Group Vice President and
Senior Counsel

By: /s/ RICHARD A. BROWN
Name: Richard A. Brown
Title: Group Vice President and
Assistant General Counsel