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## Lifecycle phase change of the AC31 based ABS System

### 1. LIFECYCLE PHASE CHANGE

This document announces that the AC31 based ABS System will be transferred to the limited phase of the ABB Process Automation lifecycle model on January 1, 2010.

### 2. SUPPORT AVAILABILITY

In the limited phase the product is no more developed. New spare parts can be obtained as long as components and materials are available. Towards the end of the limited phase the use of refurbished and/or repaired parts increases.

The following product support and services are available:

- technical support
- spare part services
- off-site electronics repair services and on-site repair services
- product replacement (recycling is available where permitted)

### 3. LIFECYCLE PLAN

ABB plans to support the AC31 based ABS System at least until the end of 2015, after which the product is planned to be transferred to the obsolete phase.

In the obsolete phase ABB can no more guarantee the availability of support, spare parts and repair or field services. Spare parts and repair services are available as long as ABB does not run out of the spares stock or components can be obtained.

ABB strongly recommends the owners of an AC31 based ABS System to plan to replace their existing system with a newer model.

### 4. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact ABB by e-mail: [global.productsupport@fi.abb.com](mailto:global.productsupport@fi.abb.com).

### 5. ABB LIFECYCLE MODEL

