

Newsletter

Information to ABB Components' customers

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ABB Components starts manufacturing in China

ABB Components' service centre at Hefei, China, has now grown to a complete manufacturing plant for UCG tap-changers with BUL motor-drives. Plant manager Zhang HouLi proudly poses in front of his staff together with senior engineer Werner Nitsche, who conducted the final tests to confirm that the production meets the same quality level as at the Ludvika plant. This was the final step of a detailed training program at Ludvika and Hefei and the new plant is now ready to provide the Chinese market with ABB tap-changers. ■



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New painting system at ABB

We are getting more and more aware of the importance of taking care of the environment. Working in accordance with the environmental certification ISO 14001, ABB in Ludvika has decided to pass on to a new water-based painting system. The new painting system is designed for the environmental classes C1 - C4 in accordance with ISO 12944-2. The system has been tested in accelerated outdoor tests since the beginning of the 1990s and has been in production since 2000.

Units painted in production according to the classes C1 - C4 have been inspected and no remarks made after installation and some time in service.

The samples for qualification tests have been painted with the normal production painting equipment and the qualification procedure has been audited by the independent body "Korrosionsinstitutet".

Based upon the achieved test results, it is clear that the quality of painting using the water-based systems is well in accordance with the quality requirements of ISO 12944-2. ■



Introducing the after sales crew!

The After Sales Department started in its present form in 1997, with the ambition to put more force to the after sales market. Since then, 9 certificated service centres have been established and approx. 200 service personnel have been educated. A lot of our products were installed 20-50 years ago, so the need for spare parts and replacements are steadily increasing.

So who are working with after sales? Manager since the start is **Peter Olsson**.

Magnus Hermansson, Hans Ilar, Sven-Erik Jansson and latest recruit **Håkan Håkansson** take care of orders and sales. Håkan has replaced **Bengt Franzén**, who retired after 40(!) years at Asea and ABB.

Retrofit markets is another important area, which is covered by **Ove Bodin**.

Your spare parts will be packed by **Elisabeth Wegner**, who is responsible for the spare parts store.

And should you decide to attend a training course, you will meet our instructor **Sten Andersson**. ■



From left: Hans Ilar, Peter Olsson, Sven-Erik Jansson, Magnus Hermansson, Håkan Håkansson, Elisabeth Wegner, Ove Bodin and Sten Andersson.

New features on document CD

The second edition of our document CD will be available from March.

Besides adding a few updated catalogues, the big news is the addition of the Spare Parts Catalogue. The new section contains all you need to know about after sales, older products and training courses.

So far the CD has been well received. For questions regarding the CD and for new subscriptions, please contact Catharina Malmberg, catharina.malmberg@se.abb.com. ■

ABB Components' Product



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Second container on tour

Five years ago, ABB Components sent the first demonstration container on tour. Since then, the demo show has been travelling around most of Europe and Southeast Asia.

Due to the positive response, we are now launching our second demo show container. As its predecessor, the new container is equipped with a selection of tap-changers and bushing, making it possible for more customers to get to know about the products. The first tour will be in Spain and Portugal, and later on it will visit Great Britain and Poland.

The first container is now stationed in East Asia. Recently it has visited several Chinese power companies, and later this spring it will be sent to Korea and Taiwan. ■

