

ABB and Simark Controls Ltd. team up in Western Canada

Partnership will strengthen ABB's ability to provide solutions and service in the West

Calgary, Alberta, February 27, 2009 - ABB, the leading power and automation technology group, announced today that Simark Controls Ltd. will distribute its low voltage drives in the provinces of British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan.

“ABB is focused on delivering the highest quality products and solutions to its industrial customers,” said Chris Poynter, Vice President and General Manager, Low Voltage Drives, Automation Products for ABB in Canada. “With the recent strengthening of ABB’s local drives resources, the addition of Simark will significantly improve ABB Drives presence in Western Canada. Simark’s proven track record of providing solutions, integration, support and service will position us closer to our customers for the long term.”

Mark Wheeler, President of Simark Controls said, “The combination of ABB’s best-in-class low voltage drives and Simark’s well established value-added services will provide the industry with the highest quality Variable Frequency Drives (VFD) solutions in Western Canada.

“Simark’s established presence as a leading supplier to the oil and gas, mining and other vertical markets reinforces ABB’s commitment to provide products that increase productivity, energy savings and performance,” noted Steve Seppanen, Sales Manager, Western Canada region for ABB.

About Simark Controls

Simark Controls, with offices in Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver and Prince George, is a 100% Canadian-owned company that is service oriented and specializes in the development and assembly of Variable Frequency Drive systems.

About ABB

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 some 100 countries and employs approximately 120,000 people. In Canada (www.abb.ca), ABB employs about 2,500 people in 40 locations from coast to coast.

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