

ABB expands intelligent building automation offerings in China

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Setting up global manufacturing and R&D base for door entry systems with new joint venture in Xiamen



Xiamen, December 11, 2009 – ABB, the leading power and automation technology group, announced today the signing of a new joint venture -- ABB Genway Xiamen Electrical Company, joining hands with Xiamen Genway Security Technology Development Company to provide advanced door entry system to Chinese and global customers in the home intelligence and building automation market.

At today's contract signing ceremony, Robert Larsson, Senior Vice President of ABB China and head of the China Automation Product business said, "China's rapid growth in building construction and strong drive for energy efficiency and emission reduction sets high demand for the smart building automation market. ABB has kept investing in both technologies and global footprint to maintain a leading role in the industry."

"ABB will establish a global R&D center for door entry systems in the joint venture where ABB's global R&D experts and local talents will work together on key development projects. We will also invest in quality control, infrastructure and people training to ensure high quality business operation" said Larsson.

Going into operation in January, ABB Genway Xiamen Electrical Company will produce home automation system, network/non-network system for multi-apartment, door entry kits and access control. These systems have adopted such cutting-edge technologies that they will greatly reduce complexity in building wiring, thus making the systems more reliable and competitive in the market. The new company will keep expanding its product portfolio. It will integrate the door entry system and other systems into ABB's i-bus® Intelligent Building Control system. Residents will be able to control all electronic devices in a house, including light control, home appliance, security system, door entry system and others within one simple panel.

General Manager of Xiamen Genway Huang Zhenfeng said, "The new JV is a win-win initiative, which will combine ABB's leading technology and expertise and way of management together with Xiamen Genway's successful local operations. We will keep our development pace and satisfy market demand for first class products home and abroad."

Xiamen Genway is a leading player in China's intelligent building industry, producing intelligent door entry and control systems, home automation

systems, etc.. Founded in 1993, its products have been deployed in thousands of intelligent residential community projects in China.

ABB enjoys state-of-the-art technology based on worldwide standards and full door entry system R&D competence. Its product portfolio covers i-bus^oR Intelligent Building Control system, circuit breakers, control and automation and low-voltage systems, modular DIN rail products, switchgears, enclosures, widely applied in electrical systems for commercial and residential buildings, automation systems, and major infrastructure facilities and recognized for outstanding performance.

ABB's intelligent building automations offerings have been widely used in many national key projects. For example, among the Top 10 Beijing Architecture Landmarks announced this August, the famous i-bus system has been installed in 7 of them, including Beijing Airport Terminal 3, Beijing South Railway Station, the National Stadium (Bird's Nest), the National Aquatics Centre (Water Cube), Beijing TV Centre, etc..

ABB has kept a strong investment pace in China. In 2009, its total investment is about 150 million USD, focusing on expanding and refining as well as setting up facilities in China.

ABB (www.abb.com) is a leader in power and automation technologies that enable utility and industry customers to improve their performance while lowering environmental impact. The ABB Group of companies operates in around 100 countries and employs about 120,000 people. ABB has a full range of business activities in China, including R&D, manufacturing, sales and services, with 15,000 employees, 28 joint ventures and wholly owned companies, and an extensive sales and service network across 60 cities.