

ABB LTD  
Form 6-K  
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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**Form 6-K**

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16  
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the month of February 2006

Commission File Number 001-16429

**ABB Ltd**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

**P.O. Box 1831, Affolternstrasse 44, CH-8050, Zurich, Switzerland**

(Address of principal executive office)

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Yes

No

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This Form 6-K consists of the following:

1. Press release issued by ABB Ltd dated February 8, 2006, regarding ABB reporting further cooperation on suspect payments; and
  2. Press release issued by ABB Ltd dated February 9, 2006, regarding the U.S. District Court setting February 28 for confirmation of Combustion Engineering Plan of Reorganization.
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**ABB reports further cooperation on suspect payments**

Zurich, Switzerland, February 8, 2006 ABB said today that it has this week disclosed to the U.S. Department of Justice (DoJ) and the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) details of suspect payments in a country in the Middle East.

These payments and several others made by company subsidiaries in a number of countries were discovered by ABB as a result of the company's internal compliance reviews. These payments have been voluntarily disclosed recently to the DoJ and SEC.

The payments may be in violation of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) or other applicable laws. The consequences for ABB could include penalties, other costs and business-related impact.

ABB is cooperating on these issues with the relevant authorities, and is continuing its internal investigations and compliance reviews. ABB has begun a disciplinary investigation involving a number of employees.

Fred Kindle, ABB President and CEO, commenting on the disclosure, said: Proper business conduct is the hallmark of a sound organization. It is the only way to build a sustainable business, as well as being a legal necessity. At ABB we have a zero tolerance policy and respond to any breaches of compliance. The reported incidents are regrettable and are a further reason why we need to increase our efforts to improve performance in this respect.

ABB ([www.abb.com](http://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 103,000 people.

**Important notice about forward-looking information**

This press release includes forward-looking statements, including statements concerning the potential impact on the company of the suspect payments made in a number of countries. Although the company believes that the expectations contained in these statements are based upon

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reasonable assumptions, it can give no assurance that those expectations will be achieved. The actual impact could turn out to be more significant than stated because among other things the company cannot predict how the regulators ultimately will choose to deal with this matter or how our business partners may react.

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**U.S. District Court sets February 28 for confirmation of Combustion Engineering Plan of Reorganization**

Zurich, Switzerland, February 9, 2006 A District Court judge in the United States has set the hearing of the revised Plan of Reorganization for Combustion Engineering, an ABB subsidiary in the U.S., for February 28, 2006.

The judge said he intended to issue an entry and affirmance of the confirmation order of the Plan of Reorganization on that date. If there are no objections during the 30-day appeals period following the February 28 hearing, the plan would then become effective. ABB could then start the process of setting up the Trust Fund for asbestos claimants.

This is a very positive step forward. If the judge confirms the plan, and no appeals are filed during the 30-day period, the order will become final and the plan effective, to the benefit of all parties involved, said Fred Kindle, ABB President and CEO.

No appeals were filed against the Plan of Reorganization before it was confirmed by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on December 19, 2005.

In September 2005, claimants to a parallel asbestos-related Plan of Reorganization for another U.S. subsidiary, ABB Lummus Global Inc., voted 96 percent in favor of the plan. That plan has not yet been filed with the Bankruptcy Court.

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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 10, 2006

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