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Dear friends,

The internet has changed the way we lead our lives. Staying connected has never been easier. From staying in touch with your loved ones to doing business efficiently across the globe, the internet has revolutionized the way we live.

ABB recognizes the significance of internet and is proud to say that 50% of our products are software related. We as a company believe in software based differentiation and automation of industries to make processes simpler and more transparent.

This dependency on the internet to take the industry to the next level has many terms ranging from industrial internet, fourth industrial revolution to industry 4.0. In manufacturing, the potential for cyber-physical systems to improve productivity in the production process and the supply chain is vast. Consider processes that govern themselves, where smart products can take corrective action to avoid damages and where individual parts are automatically replenished. This is not science fiction but the reality today with ABB’s host of automation products and industrial robots.

So in effect, we are talking about making factories – more automated and responsive to our changing demands. We are firm believers in this ‘fourth industrial revolution ’and have the products and technologies to help companies migrate their factories to the next level. Read the issue to find out more about our successes worldwide in transforming industries and making processes more efficient for the people working in them.

Enjoy the issue – happy reading!

Best regards,

Carlos Poñe
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Solar solutions on display in Pakistan

ABB showcased its latest solutions for the power, oil and gas, transport and infrastructure industries at the IEEEP Fair 2014, held at the Karachi Expo Center in Pakistan. The stand attracted a global audience of professionals from different utility and industrial sectors which included top-level decision makers, influencers and other leading companies who praised ABB’s initiative in promoting national/local industries. ABB experts explained the flexibility to tailor a proposal from full turnkey plants to Electrical Balance of Plant (EBoP) or to individual products. The complete range of low voltage products along with the solar portfolio was displayed.

ABB’s TOSA bus technology wins innovation prize

ABB - developed boost charging technology and traction equipment for electric buses recognized at German EBUS Award 2014. The technology incorporated on TOSA, the first 100% electric articulated bus, was recognized at the EBUS Award 2014 on October 10. TOSA, which has now been in operation in Geneva, Switzerland, for over a year, won the Power Train and Charging Technology categories for its innovative on-board traction system and flash in-route charging. The EBUS Award is selected by a jury of worldwide recognized experts and the German public transportation association under the patronage of Alexander Dobrindt, Germany’s Minister of Transport and Digital Infrastructure.

Training: Developing future talent in Oman

Dr Dharmasa, Program leader, Muscat’s Caledonian College of Engineering (CCE) in the Sultanate of Oman spent a week with ABB as part of a memorandum of understanding signed with the college for developing future talent in the country. ABB, as a part of its initiative to support develop Oman’s Engineering colleges invited Dr. Dharmasa on a faculty training course held this year on the “World of Industrial Operations” in the ABB offices in Oman.

“The training was interactive and comprehensive. The trainers had a dynamic approach which kept the momentum going due to their excellent knowledge & commitment on the subject,” said Dr. Dharmasa.

The training was not just limited to the class rooms, but the team also arranged site visits to understand customer opinion. “During the visits, I was impressed to see ABB’s products live in action. I understood the ABB i-bus® KNX energy savings at Cube, a leading building material distributor in Oman,” he added.

Run the world without consuming the earth

ABB is joining the United Nations Environment Programme’s global action on improving appliance and equipment efficiency. The company will provide expertise on energy efficient motors and transformers to help governments devise policies that accelerate energy savings. Electric motors account for about 28 percent of global electricity consumption.

Many motors are bigger than they need to be. Consumption and their number in emerging markets is set to almost triple by 2030. Since the most efficient transformers consume 80 percent less electricity than the least efficient, the opportunities for savings are vast.
ABB chosen by Shell as global supplier for low voltage switchgear & motor control centers

ABB has signed a five-year agreement with Shell to become its global single-source supplier of low-voltage switchgear, motor control centers and related services.

The five-year global agreement, with an option for an additional five-year extension, covers the sales, support and service of low-voltage switchgear and motor control centers for green-field and brown-field sites.

“Over 40 years of experience have gone into ABB switchgear designs. We have installed millions of units globally for our customers, in some of the world’s most harsh environments. The reliability of our products, together with our focus on supporting our customers’ service needs, were fundamental aspects in securing this important contract.”

Abu Dhabi to host ABB-supported team attempting solar world record

The ABB-supported Solar Impulse team is planning the first solar-powered flight around the world from the United Arab Emirates.

Solar Impulse will move its aircraft from Switzerland to Abu Dhabi, capital city of the UAE later this year in preparation for the round-the-world attempt in 2015. The plane has the wingspan of a Boeing 747 (63.4m / 208 ft) and the weight of a small car (1,600kg / 3,527 lb).

Bertrand Piccard, the initiator and chairman of Solar Impulse, announced the move in New York where the United Nations hosted the world’s largest gathering of world leaders focusing on climate change.

He said that Abu Dhabi would be the start and finish of the flight. The Solar Impulse team will be hosted in the UAE for testing and training before the circumnavigation begins.

André Borschberg, CEO of Solar Impulse, said on Twitter that Abu Dhabi was picked “due to state of the art infrastructure and ideal conditions for test flights.”

ABB, the world's second-largest supplier of solar inverters and one of the largest suppliers to the wind-power industry, formed a technology alliance with Solar Impulse earlier this year.

The Solar Impulse airplane has 12,000 solar cells built into the wing, providing four 10 HP electric motors with energy.
A connected world

Working towards a world that is connected and smart so that industries are more automated and responsive to our changing demands.

A world without the internet is unimaginable and almost absurd. Connectivity is the core of our existence as human beings today. From being able to work in remote locations to attending cross country conference calls, organizations have come to believe that connectivity improves productivity.

If being connected and smart is so essential — what about industries? Can industries benefit from improved connectivity?

A McKinsey report says that in manufacturing, the potential for cyber-physical systems to improve productivity in the production process and the supply chain is vast. Consider processes that govern themselves, where smart products can take corrective action to avoid damages and where individual parts are automatically replenished.

So in effect, we are talking about making factories — more automated and responsive to our changing demands. It’s an industrial revolution in the making and is being talked about even before it happens.

What is Industry 4.0?
The first Industrial Revolution was driven by the steam engine and mechanization, the second by Henry Ford’s assembly line and the third in the 1970s, when computers revolutionized the workplace. Now the three have amalgamated, putting us at the dawn of Industry 4.0, an age where ‘smart devices’ really are smart enough to assume major control over our machines of manufacturing and distribution.

The vision of Industry 4.0 is for ‘cyber-physical production systems’ in which sensor-laden ‘smart products’ tell machines how they should be processed. Processes would now govern themselves in a decentralized, modular system. Smart embedded devices start working together wirelessly either directly or via either the Internet ‘cloud’ — the Internet of Things (IoT) — to once again revolutionize production. Rigid, centralized factory control systems give way to decentralized intelligence as machine-to-machine communication hits the shop floor. This is the core idea of the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

Emerging markets leapfrogging in technology
Contact spoke to Pierre Leretz, President, ABB Process Automation, India, Middle East and Africa to find out how this fourth
“Here it’s interesting to mention that 40% share of worldwide manufacturing is held by emerging countries. They have doubled their share in the last two decades – so they are fertile grounds for the fourth industrial revolution,” Pierre Leretz, President, India, Middle East and Africa, Process Automation, ABB

Leretz said that the IMA region is leapfrogging through the stages of development of cities, infrastructure as well as industries – making themselves fertile grounds for intelligent industries. “Here, it’s interesting to mention that 40% share of worldwide manufacturing is held by emerging countries. They have doubled their share in the last two decades and are willing to invest in advanced technologies,” added Pierre.

In these countries, it’s easier to implement the next level of process automation as there is rarely any industrial baggage. In ABB, 50% of our offering is software related and hence we are ready to take the industries in the country to the next level of automation. Internet penetration in countries like India may have just crossed 16% of the population, but in absolute numbers this percentage works out to nearly 10 times the population of Australia. “With newer industrial zone development and investment in new factories in the region, we believe that we could be seeing automated and intelligent factories sooner rather than later. Oil & Gas and mining are industries that can richly profit from such
ABB’s sixth generation of System 800xA enhances security, supports upgrades on older platforms like Windows XP

System 800xA is known for delivering productivity through consolidating process, electrical, safety, and telecoms in one system and providing the ultimate high performance operator control room environment featuring the Extended Operator Workplace.

This sixth generation release, commonly called v6, is not only for new projects but has been specially developed to support upgrades of older DCS systems running on unsupported operating systems such as Microsoft XP. System 800xA v6 provides customers with a more secure automation environment that lowers the total cost of ownership, while providing countless opportunities to improve operational productivity.

To know more contact the local ABB Office or go to http://new.abb.com/control-systems/the-world-control-tour/800xa-v6

automation and remote monitoring,” he added.

Automation reduces safety risks
Leretz explains the concept further by taking the example of mining industry that is significant in the region - Mining is labor intensive, expensive and can pose a threat to the health and safety of the workers.

There tends to be islands of automations in the mining industry. “If we were to look at one mining activity, it may have up to four process areas where operators run their own machines and there is hardly any collaboration or integration between them. So, optimizing the complete value chain becomes a tough job and the key is to have a full unified view of production from raw material to processing, stock pile and delivery. An integrated solution helps close gaps in the value chain and with good communication, even the blasting and crushing in the mine can be optimized with grinding process and with the concentrator in the whole.

So with complete and extended automation, we can mitigate safety risks as well as close gaps in the value chain,” explained Leretz.

An excellent example of a product that ABB sells to achieve this result is the 800XA – which is in essence a modern cockpit for any industry and vastly improves asset management.

Reducing costs and increasing efficiency
Automation and electrical integration is the next frontier in delivering a unified environment that will drive improvements in productivity, increase safety, and reduce costs. With the growing number of complex plant system interfaces and fewer employees to maintain such systems, a need for integrating both automation and electrical aspects into one system has arisen.

Recently, ABB unveiled a technology that is designed to help engineers easily resolve electrical problems in mines right from their control room.

The new technology called the System 800xA mining integrated distribution automation system (MIDAS) Library, features an enhanced substation control and monitoring platform that provides the team with real-time analytics, including graphical status, interlocks and measurement and phasor diagrams.

The library is integrated with ABB’s System 800xA, which monitors and controls various automated industrial processes. “The MIDAS Library also makes it simple for engineers to deal with intelligent electronic devices for protection and control of the electrical system.”

The operator can monitor and gain access to the entire electrical infrastructure of the mine from a single workstation and a single software package, the company said in a statement.

Technicians not only receive information about the latest condition of their electrical systems but can also correct them remotely, reducing the time taken to rectify issues and ensuring safety by preventing the team from entering the mine.

The team can find the root cause of the problem and fix it immediately, without disrupting work at the mine or reducing operational costs.

Load shedding during power interruptions is critical. Pulp and Paper, Steel, Aluminum, and Cruise Ship industries consume large quantities of energy. They need to manage electricity as a raw material cost through peak shaving and power consumption prediction. Such integration

An integrated solution helps close gaps in the value chain.
In August 2012, Saudi Arabia’s Mining Company, Ma‘aden and Ventyx, an ABB company announced that Ventyx would be providing mining operations software solutions to enhance planning and performance in Ma‘aden’s gold operations. To ensure the success, Ma‘aden reviewed their options for software solutions, to be immediately implemented at four of their existing mines to optimize planning, performance, and growth. Ma‘aden settled on two key Ventyx Intelligent Mining Solutions products: MineMarket and Production Accounting.

Within a year of beginning implementation of Ventyx solutions, which was completed this past March, Ma‘aden has already begun to see signs of improvement. With data stored centrally and readily available at all times, information is readily searchable and visible, and management can easily obtain key performance indicator reports to review the state of the business at any given time.

Significant time and cost savings are also evident in a number of areas. Data only need to be entered once to be available to the entire organization, report generation is automated, and those reports can be filtered to allow for no more or no less than what is desired for review. These savings can number up to 5 days for a given task. To read more about Ma‘aden’s gold-mining operations, visit their Gold Mines section on their website and to understand ABB’s offerings through Ventyx better, please visit http://www.ventyx.com/en/solutions/mining

Robots - the future of the industry
Apart from this ABB, also has made huge advancement in robotics in a way in which today humans and robots can work alongside.

ABB’s new dual-arm robot is an entirely new concept in robotics that has sensor technology which enables it to gauge tolerances – so as to apply the correct amount of pressure – and to respond to the environment around it, which means it can work safely alongside humans, with no need for cages and other protective equipment.

Far from taking jobs away from people, ABB sees increasingly that robots and automation support industries to move up the value chain. Countries with the highest density of robots, such as South Korea, Japan and Germany, tend to have the lowest unemployment rates and China, faced with a contracting labor force, is now the world’s largest market for robots.

What about the data?
A related development in industry is the explosion of mass data. Advances in sensor technology mean that our machines are increasingly capable of monitoring themselves and the world around them and sending that data to diagnostic control centers which determine whether human intervention is required.

ABB is at the forefront of these developments and is driving the technologies that are making them possible through both its own research and by working with leading institutions such as the Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich (ETH). Together, we are pushing the boundaries of technology and innovation to decouple economic growth from energy consumption and environmental impact, and to achieve a better and more world. ABB is confident of witnessing the need for the next stage of manufacturing in the IMA region which is characterized by better adaptability, resource efficiency and ergonomics as well as the integration of customers and business partners in business and value processes.

Ventyx mining solutions saves costs for Saudi gold mining

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If you’re involved in the Food and Beverage industry you know quite well that it has undergone some dramatic changes in the recent past—and have likely experienced them firsthand. Whereas once it was commonplace to have long production runs and a relatively limited group of standard package sizes, end-users are now more interested in on-demand packaging, short production runs, mix-and-match variety packs and individualized packaging configurations.

In addition, the time between ordering a new production line and the start of production is shrinking while the containers are becoming more intricate and portions more uniform in order to be pleasing to consumers.

About a century ago the nascent automotive industry started out by...
producing electric vehicles. Even big names such as Porsche started their business on a pure-electric basis. In the hundred-year hiccup that followed we have burned billions of tons of fossil fuel, but the clean times of pure electric are returning.

Packaged Food but healthy

Around the world, many more people are happy to eat packaged foods and buy consumer goods in association with an increased standard of living and population growth. Lifestyle changes associated with this increase mean people are cooking less and depending more on processed or premade items. Consumers are also becoming more health conscious and demanding fresher products, which require shorter delivery times.

At the same time competition between food and beverage brands, as well as distributors and retailers, is fierce, and packaging plays a greater role in this battle for consumer eyeballs and loyalty. Food safety is also an increasing concern, so much so that the desire for food and beverage products that have been untouched by human hands during their processing is rising.

When all of these factors are taken together, it’s enough to make even the most hardened production supervisors lose sleep – or even hair.

Flexible and smart

Equipment manufacturers are realizing the truly profound impact they can have on the profitability of a Food and Beverage operation by the way in which they design a solution – and the smart ones are responding by thinking outside of the conventional box.

By replacing conventional machines with industrial robots, the headaches associated with the demands of the modern Food and Beverage industry can be met head-on. Six-axis robots provide the flexibility needed for incredibly dynamic production environments, while sacrificing none of the speed or accuracy of conventional equipment.

With robotic automation it becomes an easy task to change package styles and configurations as the market demands, as well as change production lines quickly to remove unpopular products and introduce new ones. In fact, some processors these days may only have 20-40 minute runs or very short contracts to produce a particular item.

Helps fresh product sale

A common misperception is that robots are only suitable for long runs of the same product when in reality a robot typically has the fastest changeover once programmed and can adapt quickly to changing production contracts. Robots can also drastically shorten the time between production and delivery to a retailer, thereby allowing for the sale of fresher products. Food safety concerns regarding contamination and tracking products as they move through the system are also addressed by robotics due to the nature of automated systems and the lack of human hands touching the product.

Helping remain competitive

To this point, the Food and Beverage industry has operated on a fairly low level of technology and the thought of employing robotics has remained a daunting task. To automate these kinds of operations it is a must to have tools that enable more integrators and end customers to incorporate and maintain robotic systems. Increasing ease of use and developing standardized function packages are therefore essential for the industry.

At ABB, we have addressed these issues with many new products, including PC-based programming and simulation tools such as Pickmaster 3, our Picking PowerPac and our Palletizing PowerPac, as well as standardized solutions such as our Integrated Vision, RacerPack flow packaging solution, and other plug-and-play function packages. We have also increased the flexibility of our robots with an entire family of IRB 360 FlexPickers, a family of palletizing robots and 6-axis articulated robots to meet virtually any requirement.

ABB’s aim is to decrease the perception that robots are a specialized piece of production equipment that requires too much training and effort to integrate. In reality, they are the masters of flexibility and should be seen as a standard item for those operations that want to remain competitive.

Fits into small spaces

Over time, robots have proven themselves critical to creating the flexible, agile and speedy solutions that today’s Food and Beverage operations need to remain competitive. Modern robotic systems from ABB and its partners can deal with speeds and situations that humans simply can’t, as well as handle things that were previously thought to be impossible to automate. They can fit into very small footprints and eliminate the conventional equipment that typically needs large, fixed spaces to work. In short, industrial robots can now handle almost any task required by the Food and Beverage industry, but it takes a team of knowledgeable experts to help your operation make the leap. With ABB at your back, you know that expertise is available anytime and anywhere – for any type of project.

For more on ABB’s robotics solution, log on to new.abb.com/products/robotics.
Better flow at Unilever
Tetra Pak and ABB work together to reduce wastage and improve traceability.

Unilever in Helsingborg produces margarine, soft cheese and cream, amongst other things dairy products. Margarine production is a complicated process with an oil and a water phase. In this process, vegetable oils are mixed with water, salts and citric acids. A control system is necessary for keeping track of the process.

“The system is connected to Unilever’s SAP business system where all product recipes are stored,” says Jonas Westergren from Unilever. “We program the recipe depending on the type of margarine we will be producing and everything is then handled automatically.”

Three companies were represented around the table – Unilever, Tetra Pak and ABB.

“Unilever stands for knowledge of the product, Tetra Pak knows the processes and we from ABB provides specialist knowledge for control and monitoring,” says Magnus Högstedt, responsible for the food and beverage branch at ABB. “All three of us have been collaborating for many years.”

Replacing spares is expensive
Three years ago, the old control system was approaching the end of its life cycle. It’s worked fine, year in and year out, even if it’s now beginning to show its age,” says Jonas Ekenberg, who is a technical operator at Unilever and has worked with the system for many years. “But spare parts were getting expensive and difficult to find. The keyboards alone cost SEK 30,000 to replace, and we found the last one in Brazil. The system wasn’t just worn out but it was also small, which entailed few opportunities for changes and expansion.”

“We were running three heavy processes at one plant with just eight megabytes of RAM,” says Jonas Engdahl from Unilever.

Smooth partnership
The company began looking around in the market and requested tenders from several companies.

“In this project, Tetra Pak has functioned as the contact with the customer and we from ABB have served as the subcontractor,” says Magnus Högstedt. “Besides our close collaboration with Unilever for many years, thanks to our partner agreement, we and ABB have continuous communication about

Industry 4.0
Unilever Sweden

Unilever Sweden is divided into three subsidiaries: GB Glace, Lever Fabergé and Unilever Bestfoods, which is located in Helsingborg. About 150 people work at the plant in Helsingborg. Margarine, such as Milda and Flora, is produced there, as well as cream for cooking and dessert cheeses.

Tetra Pak

Tetra Pak develops and markets systems for processing, packaging and distribution of liquid foodstuffs. Tetra Pak is represented in a total of 119 countries and has approximately 22,900 employees worldwide. The delivery included project management, programming in 800xA, batch control software Tetra PlantMaster Production Execution, traceability and reporting via Tetra PlantMaster, Production Integrator, as well as connection to Unilever’s business system SAP.

ABB

ABB delivered the System 800xA automation platform, programming in 800xA, four operator stations and five ABB AC800M controllers.

Better control

Last autumn, the new system was ready to be put in service – five control systems and seven servers in the Windows environment. The new system was tested during four weekends with the old system in standby mode, just in case something should happen.

“After that, we went live with the new system, maintaining production monitoring around the clock for two weeks to assure production and to help the operators in the transition from the old system to the new,” says Ulf Kjellberg from Tetra Pak. “The switch entails a number of changes and improvements.”

“I’m very happy with the new recipe manager,” says Jonas Engdahl. “Now we can put together our own recipes, which we couldn’t with the old system. Sometimes, we used to have to call in a programmer.”

Everyone gathered around the table to list what has become better: Increased flexibility, easier to handle maintenance, modern IT environment and more exact reporting of consumption. The latter is important because it saves money. Discards have also been reduced.

“Even here, quite a bit of money is involved because it’s a matter of incorrect mixtures,” says Jonas Westergren. “In the old system, a valve could be left open and an incorrect mixture of two tons could run straight through. Now a safety system is activated if this should occur. Traceability has also become better.

“If anything goes wrong and a customer notices something odd with a delivery of margarine, we can go back in time, from the pallet where the batch was placed to which batch it came from, and investigate what has happened.”

A benefit of the new system is improved working environment, for those who worked in the so-called “hot room”. In conjunction with the project, the room was rebuilt and the temperature could be reduced from 60 degrees to 40. Overall, the upgrade of the systems cost SEK 10 million.

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The subsea factory of the future

Per-Erik Holsten, Global Industry Group Manager, Chemical, Oil & Gas at ABB on how offshore platforms could become a thing of the past.
Could you give us more details about the development project with Statoil? And what is the solution for the oil and gas industry?
In our collaboration with Statoil, we are developing and testing equipment for subsea conditions at a depth of 3000 meters. Here we are talking about solutions for transmission, distribution and power conversion designed to power and control subsea pumps and gas compressors installed in deep water and performing over vast distances. At these depths you need to have quite a bit of redundancy and to make sure that every piece of equipment operates safely, reliably and efficiently. We are currently running a development project with Statoil to ensure that these new technologies perform under these special conditions.

How does this get done at present? Currently, it is more of a hydraulic solution. The reason for this new technology is that it will help with removing the offshore platform in the long term, and have everything subsea. This is a concept we, together with our partner Statoil, call the ‘subsea factory’. It also means supplying power and control to enable separation of the oil and the gas down there which is generally done on the offshore platform. This can now be done subsea.

What’s new about the approach and why do you think it will be successful at this time? The approach we are taking is delivering our entire portfolio to be utilized at depths of 3000 meters. So you take your control equipment, electrical and telecommunication equipment and bring them to this depth, which is a very harsh environment. This will enable all oil and gas companies to go to subsea structure, even in the very difficult locations where your have difficulties in setting an offshore oil platform.
This new technology enables the vision of “The Subsea Factory of the Future”. As we progress in our testing, we are quite confident that this will be a successful development, and oil and gas companies will adopt it in their projects.

If you succeed, what difference will it make? I think this technology will be a game changer for the oil and gas industry, as it will allow companies to access offshore fields that they can’t access now. Also, this new technology is cost effective, as it will reduce maintenance costs.

What other challenges do you expect to face? It’s important to ensure that of the equipment we provide is safe and reliable. That’s why we are having this heavy testing process with Statoil, the whole concept is that is has to be put it down there for a long period of time, and to ensure that it works perfectly for that period of time.

How long will it take to see oil and gas companies to adopt this type of technologies? Currently we are testing and selecting the right technology, and we expect that this technology will be available for use between 2018 and 2020. Some parts of the solutions are already available like the subsea transformer that can be used subsea to a depth of 3000 meters.

What are the midterm and final “exams” to check for success? We need first to ensure that this technology works under the high pressure conditions that exist subsea, and also we need to make sure that this technology can work for long time without failure, which are the two key points being verified.
For a better world

Keeping the world’s largest milk cooperative healthy

ABB automation and control systems ensure uninterrupted processing of more than a billion liters of milk
A partnership between Amul, the world’s largest dairy cooperative, and the knowledge and experience of ABB is helping India’s farmers keep pace with accelerating demand for milk products that have been a force in improving quality of life and boosting rural economic growth for decades.

Amul’s challenge is preserving millions of liters of perishable milk (current capacity of 14 million liters daily) in a hot tropical country collected from dispersed villages and households. This requires intensive logistics planning to gather milk, after which ABB’s advanced automation keeps Amul’s operations running smoothly and lays the groundwork for future growth.

ABB was initially brought in six years ago to upgrade automation and control systems at Amul’s Dairy III at Anand, Gujarat. Not only was there minimal downtime for Amul’s operations amid the transition to ABB’s 800xA control systems, but the systems’ adaptability ensured the cooperative’s expansions in 2012 and 2013 was seamless, keeping precious milk from going to waste.

“Amul has championed the application of leading edge technologies,” said T R Ravishankar, ABB’s Control Technologies Business Unit Manager. “The successful deployment of our flexible solutions in 2008, with a good track record, led Amul to opt for more ABB solutions as it expanded.”

Rapid growth requires advanced technology
The unfailing perseverance of leaders like Dr. Verghese Kurien, its first chief executive officer, and H. M. Dalaya, who helped spur its technological innovations, turned Amul into the co-op it is today, with an annual turnover of more than $3 billion. Production has doubled to some 130 million tons annually over the last two decades.

With rapid growth, however, the cooperative’s embrace of technology has been key to successful aggregation, processing and distribution of a time-sensitive item like milk after it’s collected from so many producers.

That’s where ABB comes in: Its 800xA control systems, relied upon broadly in industries including food and beverage, oil and gas and mining, provide Amul with intuitive automation and maintenance solutions that ensure a hygienic, efficient environment for processing and preserving milk’s goodness.

Maintaining highest quality
ABB developed a customized cleaning-in-place (CIP) solution to sanitize equipment such as the silos, milk and cream pasteurizers, cream tanks, dispatch lines and butter-making machines.

At 30,000 liters of milk per hour, a single drop of rancid milk or any other agent could curdle milk from several dozen herders. ABB’s CIP Solution provides effective filtration while reducing loss of milk.
Partnering with the United Nations for ‘Sustainable Energy for all’

ABB teams with UN and global leaders in equipment manufacturing leaders to fast-track the adoption of minimum efficiency performance standards and boost energy efficiency in motors and transformers.

Energy is the golden thread that connects economic growth, increased social equity and a healthy environment. Sustainable development is not possible without sustainable energy,” said United Nations Secretary-General, Ban Ki-moon, at the launch of Sustainable Energy for All (SE4ALL) in New York.

Energy efficiency, the quickest and most cost-effective way to mitigate climate change, was a key focus in the SE4ALL program tasked with taking concrete action on climate change through changes in the way we use energy.

The UN and its partners, of which ABB is a global one for transformers and motors, are also about to launch a new global partnership to accelerate the transition to efficient refrigerators, air conditioners, motors, distribution transformers and information technology. Shifting global markets to efficient appliances and equipment will reduce global electricity consumption by about 10 per cent, save 350 billion US dollars on electricity bills each year, and the equivalent in CO2 emissions from 600 large coal fired power plants. Leading appliance and equipment manufacturers, such as ABB for motors and transformers, will play a key role in making this transition happen.

“I am pleased to represent ABB at this important gathering and have the opportunity to highlight ABB’s commitment to energy efficiency and how our technology can mitigate environmental impact,” said Daniel Assandri, Country Manager for ABB in Canada. ABB joined other manufacturers as well as UN ambassadors from three nations to kick off an international effort to fast-track the adoption of minimum efficiency performance standards (MEPS), particularly in developing nations that do not currently have strong efficiency standards in place.

SE4ALL has three interrelated objectives:
– Ensuring universal access to modern energy services
– Doubling the global rate of improvement in energy efficiency
– Doubling the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix

All of these are to be realized by 2030, which is a tall order but still achievable with current technology.

ABB is in a unique position to help as a member of the Global Partnership Programme. The company is the world’s largest supplier of both electric motors and distribution transformers, two product areas targeted by SE4ALL, and ABB has maintained a longstanding presence on several major standards-making bodies.

Geographically, India is of particular interest for the company as it is a large and developing market but currently lacks MEPS. “As countries like India become more sophisticated in their approach to sustainable growth, energy efficiency is a natural place to start,” says Assandri. “It has a built-in business case, and the benefits accrue to the society at large as well as the equipment owner.”

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Based on internationally accepted standards, ABB and Volvo one of the world’s leading bus manufacturers, are co-developing and commercializing electric and hybrid buses with open standards-based direct current (DC) fast charging systems. This will enable maximum re-use of existing e-mobility technologies, thereby ensuring a rapid deployment of urban e-mobility.

The cooperation creates a city-wide standardized charging system for electric and electric hybrid buses that can charge buses quickly through an automatic rooftop connection system at bus stops or through cabled charging systems overnight.

Reduce Fuel Usage
Volvo’s new Electric Hybrid bus reduces fuel consumption by 75 percent compared to conventional diesel buses.

ABB and Volvo will contribute with their respective expertise in power grids and e-buses to further develop e-bus fast-charging standards, such as communications protocols for infrastructure, electrical grids and e-buses.

An electric-bus charging standard will be largely based on the recently adopted global DC fast charging standards for passenger cars, guaranteeing safety and helping stimulate investment, long-term commitment and increased adoption of clean mobility.

Standardization of e-buses
The partnership is focused squarely on standardization of automatic e-bus fast charging, including the communications protocol between the infrastructure charging solution and e-bus, the electrical interface and specifications for the rooftop automatic connection system (ACS).

“We are delighted to enter into partnership with ABB. Together, we have a complete and competitive offer to cities around the world that want to switch to a sustainable public transport system,” said Håkan Agnevall, President Volvo Buses.

“Electric hybrid buses and full-electric buses are tomorrow’s solution for urban public transport.”

Volvo Buses launched its first hybrid bus in 2009 and has delivered nearly 1,600 hybrids to 21 countries. Its first fully electric bus will be launched in June 2015 as part of the ElectriCity project in Gothenburg, Sweden.

ABB has delivered over 1,500 DC fast charging systems for passenger vehicles worldwide since 2010, rolling out charging networks for automotive, utility, government and retail customers including nationwide networks in the Netherlands, Estonia and Denmark.

The first joint project will be the implementation of Volvo Electric Hybrids and ABB’s automatic e-bus chargers in the Luxembourg public transport system, where as many as 12 Volvo Electric Hybrid buses operated by Sales-Lentz will be running on existing lines by 2015.
Refrigerators in the United States consume about the same amount of energy as large power plants produce each year.

If a person yelled for 8 years and 7 months he or she would produce enough energy to heat one cup of coffee.

Germany accounted for nearly one-third of global solar PV capacity at the end of 2012.

A hurricane releases between 50 trillion and 200 trillion watts of heat energy. This is as much energy as a 10-megaton nuclear bomb exploding every 20 minutes.

The sun provides as much energy in 1 hour as the world consumes in one year.

The amount of sunshine in Texas in one month contains more energy than all the oil and gas ever produced in the state.
Power of the Sun

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