

ABB LTD  
Form 6-K  
September 28, 2005

**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 September 2005

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 of ABB Ltd, dated September 27, 2005, regarding Ulrich Spiesshofer joining ABB's Executive Committee as head of corporate development.

*For your business and technology editors*

**Ulrich Spiesshofer joins ABB's Executive Committee as head of corporate development**

Zurich, Switzerland, September 27, 2005 ABB announced today the appointment of Ulrich Spiesshofer, 41, to the newly-created position of head of corporate development. He will also become a member of the company's Executive Committee. The appointments take effect on November 1, 2005.

Spiesshofer, a German national, joins ABB from consultants Roland Berger where he was a senior partner and head of the Global Operations Practice. Before, he worked for consultants A.T. Kearney in Germany as well as Switzerland and was in the leadership team that established the firm in Asia and Australia. He concentrated on corporate and operations strategies, global value chain optimization, large scale cost and supply chain optimization as well as complexity reduction, with a special focus on Asia and Central Eastern Europe.

Fred Kindle, ABB President and CEO said: Ulrich Spiesshofer's extensive experience will help ABB accelerate the implementation of our operational excellence program. He will manage the corporate strategy, supply chain management and mergers and acquisition functions at group level and we look forward to working with him on these and other strategic issues.

Spiesshofer joins the five other members of the Executive Committee: Kindle, Michel Demaré, CFO, Dinesh Paliwal, head of Automation Technologies division, Peter Smits, head of Power Technologies division and Gary Steel, head of Human Resources. Further changes, announced on September 6, will take effect on January 1, 2006.

Married with two sons, Spiesshofer lives in Zurich, Switzerland. He has a PhD in economics and a Master in business administration and engineering from the University of Stuttgart.

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.

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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: September 28, 2005

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