**ABB opens new UK Instrumentation Service Centre**

2012-04-23 - ABB’s Measurement Products business unit has invested in a state-of-the-art instrumentation, calibration, repair and training facility at its UK manufacturing site in Stonehouse, Gloucestershire offering the advantages of unparalleled access to equipment and expertise for UK and International customers.

The new service centre at Stonehouse is dedicated to return to base calibration and repair services. A wide range of products ranging from gas and liquid analysers, electromagnetic and differential pressure flowmeters to temperature probes are supported from this production factory.

ABB operates six flow meter calibration rigs at the Stonehouse site, supplied by a 800 thousand litre underground water tank. The rigs can be used to test virtually every type of flow meter at flow rates from one millilitre to 2,700 litres per second. ABB is an accredited UKAS (The United Kingdom Accreditation Service) calibration laboratory, number 0255, and is the only company in the UK with a calibration rig accurate to within an expanded uncertainty of ±0.027%.

Brian Hull, ABB’s Measurement Products General Manager for the UK and Ireland said: “The significant investment in a dedicated service centre demonstrates ABB’s commitment to supporting the complete life cycle of our products for UK and International customers. The addition of a training suite inside the UK’s largest instrumentation manufacturing facility enables ABB to offer an unrivaled calibration, repair and training centre.”

ABB provides a comprehensive portfolio of standard courses and customised training to help operations and maintenance personnel keep their skills up-to-date. The training is designed for engineers and technicians who are responsible for the day to day maintenance of ABB measurement products.

The training courses on offer include detailed product and application knowledge and theory of device operation. The courses are supported by hands-on exercises with demonstration equipment. Delegates are also being offered a tour of ABB’s manufacturing facility. Courses cover a number of ABB’s measurement products from electromagnetic flow meters to analytical instruments and result in delegates obtaining certification on completion of a course.

ABB has modularised the training into well defined product areas, with dedicated training sessions designed individually for both operators and maintenance personnel.