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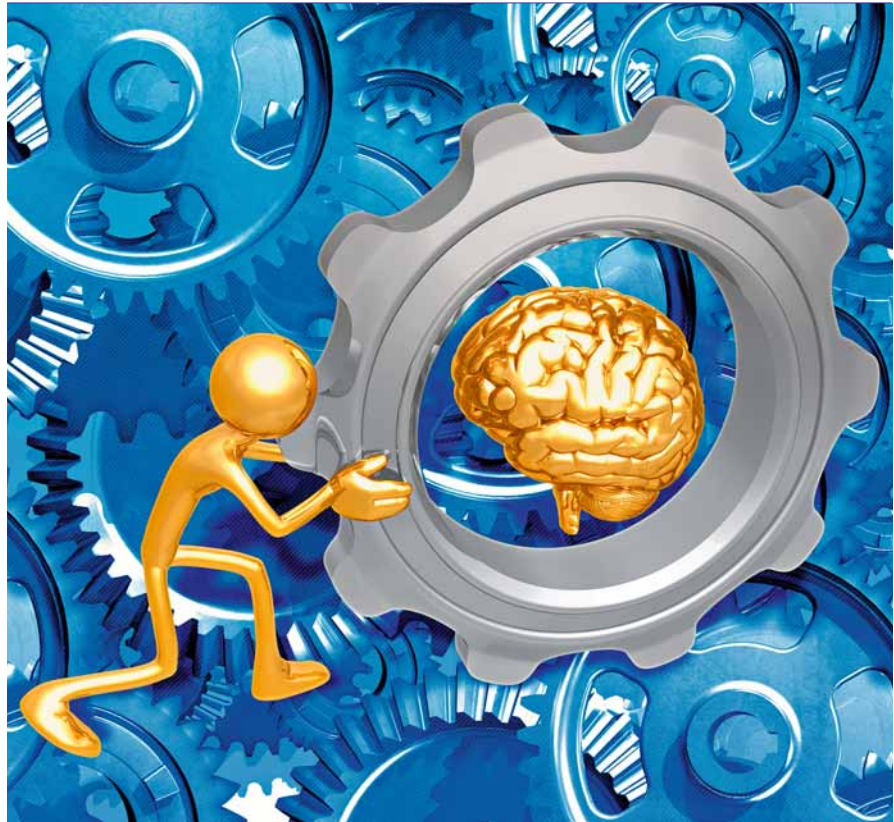
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#### Industrial productivity

The issue of *ABB Review* you are now reading is dedicated to innovations. An innovation is a breakthrough that supplies better solutions to old problems, or great solutions to new problems. The effect of such an innovation is that more can be achieved with less, ie, improved productivity. Productivity will hence be the focus of the next edition of *ABB Review*.

One area where productivity is of prime importance is energy and raw material extraction. ABB technologies ranging from drives to process monitoring are boosting productivity in mining and oil.

Although manufacturing industry has long supplied the textbook examples for gains in productivity, this does not mean the potential for further gains is

exhausted. From a defect analyzer in the paper industry to a cleaning robot, *ABB Review* will provide glimpses of the productivity of tomorrow.

In terms of connectivity and software, examples discussed will highlight asset verification, asset management and device communications.

However, not all productivity gains are made through the installation of physical products. Looking after these products correctly is just as important. *ABB Review* will look at the company's offerings in the service sector, and show how they are making a difference to customers.

These examples are just a selection of the topics that will be covered in the 1/2009 edition of *ABB Review*.