

ABB LTD  
Form 6-K  
May 10, 2007

**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 May 2007

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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This Form 6-K consists of the following:

1. Press release issued by ABB Ltd dated May 10, 2007.

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## **Dinesh Paliwal to leave ABB**

### *Joins Harman International Industries to become chief executive officer*

Zurich, Switzerland, May 10, 2007 ABB today announced that Dinesh Paliwal, President, Global Markets and Technology and a member of the Group Executive Committee, will leave ABB at the end of June to become chief executive of U.S.-based Harman International Industries.

Dinesh Paliwal had an outstanding and long global career within ABB and he made very strong contributions as a key member of the top management team to move ABB forward, said ABB President and CEO Fred Kindle.

The Executive Committee and his ABB colleagues regret his departure and we will miss Dinesh's energy and professionalism and wish him well in his new role, Kindle added.

In 1985, Paliwal, an Indian and U.S. citizen, joined AccuRay Corporation as a systems engineer and project manager. This company was later acquired by ABB. As his career progressed, he has held a wide variety of roles and responsibilities which span ABB's businesses and regions.

Since 2001, Paliwal has been a member of the Executive Committee, where he was at first responsible for the Automation Technologies division and since 2006 has served as President, Global Markets and Technology.

In 2004, Paliwal assumed additional responsibility as Chairman and CEO of ABB in North America. He also held the chairmanship of Lummus Global since 2006 and ABB India, since 2004.

ABB has initiated a search and will announce his succession in due course.

ABB ([www.abb.com](http://www.abb.com)) is a leader in power and automation technologies that enable utility and industry customers to improve their performance while lowering environmental impact. The ABB Group of companies operates in around 100 countries and employs about 109,000 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: May 10, 2007

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