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ABB Low Voltage products - action regarding RoHS directive

Dear Customer

With reference to the EU Directive 2002/95/EC on Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS), the position of ABB BU Control is hereafter stated: Notwithstanding that the RoHS Directive seems not to apply to Low-Voltage products (as they are not falling in any of the categories listed in Appendix 1A of the WEEE Directive 2002/96/EC), ABB BU Control is committed to make its products RoHS-compliant, in harmony with ABB Group's sustainability policy and to meet the needs of its customers, since these products may become parts of an equipment within the scope of the Directive.

Products and processes are analyzed to identify the uses of the substances subject to restriction according to the RoHS directive. Specific projects are running, aimed to find, test and validate alternative RoHS-compliant solutions.

Therefore, it is the aim of ABB BU Control to deliver RoHS-compliant products by the date the Directive is effective (July 1st 2006) for those products that are likely to be used by customers in products covered by the directive.

As the threshold values are yet not established in the community it is premature to offer statement of compliance at this stage even if we are convinced that many of our products already comply with this directive.

Due to the technology change in many products and still in the directive it might be dangerous to make commitment at this stage.