

ABB LTD
Form 6-K
July 29, 2010

**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 July 2010

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 issued by ABB Ltd dated July 27, 2010.

Press Release

ABB successful in bid to acquire 75% stake in its Indian subsidiary

Zurich, Switzerland, July 27, 2010 ABB, the leading power and automation technology group, said today its open offer to increase the stake in its Indian subsidiary from 52.11 percent to 75 percent has been successful.

During the three-week offer period, which closed today, shareholders of ABB India tendered approximately 23 percent of the outstanding shares. ABB will acquire the shares on a proportionate basis since the offer has been oversubscribed by approximately 1.5 percent. The offer of Rs 900 per share, which was announced on May 17, 2010, values the transaction at approximately \$965 million (based on foreign exchange rates at the time of the announcement).

The share purchase is aimed at facilitating the long-term development of ABB's business in India.

Assuming all acceptances have been validly tendered, ABB will increase its stake in ABB India from 52.11 percent to 75 percent. The final payment and credit of shares tendered is expected on or before August 10, 2010. A post-offer public announcement, in accordance with local requirements, with details of the shares tendered in the open offer will be published once the acquisition of shares has been completed.

The open offer is being managed by HSBC Securities and Capital Markets (India) Private Limited.

ABB (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 117,000 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: July 29, 2010

By: /s/ Michel Gerber
Name: Michel Gerber
Title: Group Senior Vice President and Head
of Investor Relations

By: /s/ Richard A. Brown
Name: Richard A. Brown
Title: Group Senior Vice President and
Chief Counsel Corporate & Finance