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## **ABB to sell Operator Training Simulation business**

NORWALK, CONNECTICUT -- December 1, 2005 -- ABB announced today that it has agreed to sell its Operator Training Simulation business to RSI, a subsidiary of IFP Investissements. The ABB business is located in Houston, Texas.

“We will continue offering operator training simulation systems to the marketplace as part of ABB’s more comprehensive industrial automation portfolio,” said Roger Bailey, vice president of ABB and head of its North American Process Automation business. We believe we can best meet our customers’ unique needs by partnering with companies such as RSI.”

“We are excited about our acquisition of ABB’s Operator Training Simulation business as it strengthens RSI’s leading position in the Operator Training and Simulation market,” said Philippe Vacher, RSI’s Chief Executive Officer. “RSI is committed to provide ABB customers with continued quality services and support worldwide.”

The companies expect to complete the transaction in the first quarter of 2006. Neither company disclosed the amount of the transaction.

RSI ([www.simulationrsi.net](http://www.simulationrsi.net)) is a leading provider of simulation products and services including OTS and engineering studies to the Oil & Gas, HPI and Petrochemical industries, has engineering centers in France and China, and is working toward establishing an engineering center in Houston, Texas.

ABB ([www.abb.com](http://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 approximately 100 countries and employs approximately 103,000 people.

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