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### **ABB, Inc. Expands Operations in Pinetops Facility**

ABB, a power and automation technology company, is expanding its Pinetops facility to accommodate production of Kuhlman Electric Corporation's product line of Medium Voltage dry-type instrument transformers.

"It will mean about 35 new jobs," said Jon Rennie, General Manager of the Pinetops facility that employs 270 people working 3 shifts daily. "We are excited about this news," Rennie said. "The addition of the Kuhlman products allows ABB to have the broadest portfolio offering in the industry and allow us to continue to grow our business in the US and abroad."

The expansion comes on the heels of the recent announcement by Kuhlman Electric and ABB to permanently close Kuhlman's Versailles, KY manufacturing plant. Kuhlman will retain its headquarters in Versailles, which will offer support during this transition. To make this process smooth and seamless for all ABB and Kuhlman customers, ABB has initiated a transition plan to gradually move all Medium Voltage dry-type instrument transformers from Versailles to Pinetops, while retaining all key Kuhlman personnel.

ABB's utmost focus during this process is to guarantee continuity of supply of high-quality products while providing strong technical support and customer service. Marketing personnel from the two companies will work with each individual customer to ensure that all contractual commitments are met.

The gradual product transfer will begin immediately and is scheduled for completion between late September and mid-December. During this time, the ABB plant in Pinetops will be expanded to add new production capacity necessary to manufacture the complete portfolio of Kuhlman Medium Voltage dry-type instrument transformers. The inventory of Arteche Medium Voltage dry-type instrument transformers will also be transferred to Pinetops during this transition period.

ABB has been operating in Pinetops since 1978 and is a leader in power and automation technologies that enable utility and industry customers to improve their performance while lowering environmental impact.

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