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**ABB’s solutions are helping to deliver a reliable and efficient power supply**

Uganda is renowned for its diverse landscapes, including the snow-capped Rwenzori Mountains and the expansive Lake Victoria, and its abundant wildlife. In 2024, ABB delivered solutions for three substations run by the country's leading utility, Umeme Limited (UMEME), which manages and operates the state-owned leased electricity distribution network assets.

“Since 2005, we have been working in Uganda to strengthen the country’s power distribution network, providing electricity to commercial and residential establishments,” said Gunasekaran Thevar, Managing Director East Africa for ABB Energy Industries. “These new projects will enhance our support for Uganda’s utility sector.”

ABB’s technology solutions are helping to deliver a reliable and efficient power supply, fueling economic growth, and drawing in new investments.

**Powering up**

A robust power infrastructure is crucial for continued economic growth. These projects are part of a broader initiative to improve the country's electrical infrastructure and power distribution. The ABB-built substations will help address capacity constraints and ensure a more reliable power supply.

As part of this project, ABB upgraded the 33/11 KV substation in Hoima, located in the Bunyoro region, with gas insulated switchgear, a substation SCADA system and a DC charger system. Bunyoro's oil industry is centered around the Albertine Basin in Uganda, which possesses significant oil and gas deposits. This draws attention and investment and is leading to various infrastructural developments.

“The upgraded Hoima substation will support Bunyoro's developing oil industry, added Gunasekaran Thevar. “We completed the project in a short timeframe, airlifted the ABB switchgear and installing it at the substations to promptly meet customer requirements.” ABB also constructed the Jinja and Matugga substations to meet regional power needs.

**Long term benefits**

An efficient power distribution network supports growth, development and improved living standards. ABB’s solutions at the three substations will enhance reliability and productivity while reducing power outages, allowing businesses and households to operate smoothly. An uninterrupted electricity supply will improve quality of life, attract investment, facilitate technological advancements and boost economic growth.

“ABB has been a key partner in supporting our utility sector,” said Selestino Babungi, Managing Director of UMEME. “The substations powered by ABB’s solutions will help us provide electricity to surrounding areas and uplift Uganda’s overall economic activity.”

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