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ABB LTD  
Form 6-K  
November 22, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of: October 2004

Commission File Number: 001-16429

ABB Ltd

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

N/A

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(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Switzerland

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(Jurisdiction of organization)

P.O. Box 8131, Affolternstrasse 44, CH-8050, Zurich, Switzerland

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(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, international: + 011-41-1-317-7111

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports  
under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

Form 20-F  ---

Form 40-F  ---

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information  
contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the  
Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes  ---

No  ---

If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in  
connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82-

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This Form 6-K consists of the following:

1. Press release of ABB Ltd, dated October 28, 2004, announcing its financial  
results for the third quarter of its 2004 fiscal year.

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2. Summary financial information of ABB Ltd for the nine months ended September 30, 2004.

Press Release

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ABB Group Q3 results 2004

Steady improvement in profitability

Higher Group EBIT, strong increase in net income and cash flow

- o Double-digit growth continues in core division orders and revenues
- o Higher EBIT led by 54-percent increase in Automation Technologies
- o Power Technologies EBIT lowered by parts of systems business
- o Total debt reduced to \$5.2 billion, gearing at 61 percent

2004 Q3 key figures

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(\$ in millions)

Q3 04

Q3 03