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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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 2002

ABB Ltd

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

N/A

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Switzerland

(Jurisdiction of organization)

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

(Address of principal executive offices)

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

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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

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1. Press release of ABB Ltd, dated October 1, 2002, announcing appointment of head of Human Resources.

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Press Release

For your business and technology editors

ABB appoints new head of Human Resources

Zurich, Switzerland, October 1, 2002 - ABB, the leading power and automation technology group, announced today it has appointed Gary Steel, currently Human Resources Director, Group Finance, of Shell International as executive vice president and head of Group Human Resources. He will be a member of the ABB Group executive committee.

Steel, aged 49, is Scottish and comes to ABB after a 25 -year career at Shell, where he has held a series of senior positions in personnel relations. In addition to his role as Human Resources Director in Group Finances, for the past three years Steel has been Director of Group Leadership and Performance, a unit responsible for global leadership development in Royal Dutch/Shell.

"Gary Steel brings considerable experience in the key task of developing leaders in a major global group," said Jurgen Dormann, chairman and CEO. "By making him a member of the Group executive committee, we reflect the growing importance we attach to both human resources management in general and the development of the next generation of leaders in ABB."

Steel takes up his new position on January 1, 2003, replacing Arne Olsson, Senior Vice President and head of Human Resources since ABB was formed in 1988. Olsson, 58, who will assume other responsibilities in Group management, is due to retire next year after 36 years with ABB and Asea.

"On behalf of both the Board and the Executive Committee, I would like to pay tribute to Arne Olsson's tremendous work and commitment. He can look back at a proud record," said Dormann.

ABB (www.abb.com) is a leader in power and automation technologies that enable utility and industry customers to improve performance while lowering environmental impacts. The ABB Group of companies operates in more than 100 countries and employs about 150,000 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: October 1, 2002

By: /s/ BEAT HESS

Name: Beat Hess
Title: Group Senior Officer

By: /s/ HANS ENHORNING

Name: Hans Enhorning
Title: Group Vice President