ABB LTD Form 6-K February 25, 2005

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of February, 2005 Commission File Number 001-16429

ABB Ltd

(Translation of registrant s name into English)

 $P.O.\ Box\ 1831, Affolternstrasse\ 44, CH-8050, Zurich, Switzerland$

(Address of principal executive office)

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

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Yes o No ý

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On February 25, 2005, the SWX Swiss Exchange issued a press release regarding a reprimand of ABB Ltd for violation of certain SWX Swiss Exchange provisions relating to ad hoc publicity. The press release as made public by the SWX Swiss Exchange is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

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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: February 25, 2005 By: /s/ François Champagne

Name: François Champagne

Title: Group Vice President and Senior

Counsel

By: /s/ Richard A. Brown

Name: Richard A. Brown

Title: Group Vice President and Assistant

General Counsel

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EXHIBIT LIST

Exhibit Description

Press release, dated February 25, 2005, issued by the SWX Swiss Exchange regarding a reprimand of ABB Ltd for violation of certain SWX Swiss Exchange provisions relating to ad hoc publicity.

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