Almost 60 years of industrial presence in Brazil

1945 – Creation of Companhia Hidrelétrica do São Francisco (Chesf)

1949 – Construction of Paulo Afonso Hydro Plant

1950 – Getúlio Vargas is elected President

1952 – Creation of CEMIG and BNDES

1954 – Bill of law proposing the creation of Eletrobrás is forwarded to the Congress

1955 – Official inauguration of Paulo Afonso Hydro Plant; Schneider Group becomes the main shareholder of Mecânica Pesada (MEP).

1957 – Creation of Central Elétrica de Furnas, and Mecânica Pesada receives its first order.

1960 – Direction of Schneider Group is divided between Liliane Schneider and board members; supply of equipment to Chesf and Cemig; operation of Camargos hydro plant.

1962 – Creation of Eletrobrás and operation of Três Marias plant.

1968 – Installation of the 1st turbine manufactured by Mecânica Pesada

1972 – Association between the rail arm of Schneider and Alsthom-Atlantique, forming Empresa de Tração Elétrica.

1975 – Alstom supplies the first pieces of equipment to Itaipu.

1979 – Mecânica Pesada is elected company of the year by Exame magazine

1984 – Inauguration of Itaipu and Tucuruí plants

1985 – Direction of Alsthom Group visits Taubaté unit, shows interest in having a share at Mecânica Pesada, and acquires it.

1991 – GEC Alsthom starts to invest in the service sector and begins a process to acquire companies, such as Promentec, which gives birth to GEC Alsthom Serviços Mecânicos, increasing exports.

1992 – Companies in the electric sector begin to be publicly traded.

1995 – With the Real Plan, the new government promises greater opening of the infrastructure sector. GEC Alsthom prepares to enter the transport sector; with the purchase of 60% of Cobrel Maquip Westinghouse Equipamentos S.A CMW, the group starts activities in the metro-rail signaling sector.

1997 – GEC Alsthom assumes 100% of CMW’s capital and starts operations to manufacture stainless steel metro cars in Lapa, where the old Mafersa used to be located.

1998 – Companies in the group have their names changed to Alstom, entering the main stock markets.

1999 – Creation of ABB Alstom Power Brasil; acquisition of ER Equipamentos Elétricos.

2000: Acquisition of Ansaldo Coemsa S.A in Canoas (RS) to expand the sectors Transmission & Distribution and Power.

2004: Alstom sells its Transmission and Distribution activities to Areva. Information Solutions division wins the award of Revista Ferroviária magazine as the best creator of technology.

2005: In July, Alstom celebrates 50 years of operations in Brazil.


2007: To integrate the Energy and Transport sectors, Alstom opens a new commercial complex, the Bandeirantes unit.

2008: Alstom wins the contract to supply equipment to the hydro plants of Madeira River. Bulb turbines of the type supplied to Santo Antonio and Jirau projects will be the most powerful ever produced by the group in Brazil.

2009: Alstom and Schneider Electric propose the acquisition of Areva T&D. Alstom wins the contract for the world’s largest transmission line, with a total length of 2,375 kilometers, connecting Madeira River to the Southeast.
2010: Alstom and Bardella inaugurate a plant in Porto Velho, IMMA. Alstom wins the first contract in the Brazilian wind market. Alstom acquires the transmission activity of Areva T&D, creating the Grid sector.

2011: Alstom signs the contract for the supply of equipment to Belo Monte plant, the third largest hydro plant in the world.

Alstom inaugurates its first wind turbine factory in Brazil and Latin America (9 units in Brazil).

2012: Alstom lays the foundation stone of its first Global Technology Center in Latin America. Company announces the second unit of the wind sector in Brazil and the second unit of metro-rail transport (Rio de Janeiro).

2013: Alstom Brazil and Renova Energia announce the largest partnership for the onshore wind market in the world.

2014: Acquisition of a Brazilian company Reason Tecnologia S.A. - a Florianópolis-based provider of measurement and substation automation network products for transmission and distribution (T&D) customers.

Inauguration of the first Global Technology Center in Latin America.

- The Board of Directors of Alstom decided unanimously to issue a positive recommendation for the provision of GE to acquire the business of generation and transmission of energy.