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**MORE THAN 200 SQUARE D / SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC BUSINESS LEADERS
JOIN HABITAT FOR HUMANITY IN REBUILDING GULF REGION
*Additional \$7 Million Commitment to Provide Safe Electrical Systems
For Thousands of Families Throughout North America***

PALATINE, III. – Jan. 15, 2007 – More than 200 Square D / Schneider Electric business leaders will work alongside Gautier, Miss. residents on Jan. 30 to build houses and community spaces for one of Habitat for Humanity's largest corporate site builds. The organization's efforts kick off the Schneider Electric North American Operating Division 2007 Leadership Forum with a \$7 million commitment to Habitat for Humanity over the next four and a half years. The funding will provide Habitat homes across North America with Square D brand electrical distribution equipment. Square D is the flagship brand of Schneider Electric in the U.S. for electrical distribution and industrial control products, systems and services.

Building three homes, a playground and a neighborhood pavilion in Gautier continues the Schneider Electric / Square D commitment to rebuilding the hurricane-ravaged Gulf Region and assisting Habitat for Humanity in its efforts to help low-income and hurricane-displaced families achieve homeownership.

The annual January Leadership Forum of the Schneider Electric North American Operating Division sets the direction of the new business year for the company's senior management team. This year, the Forum will be held in Biloxi to underscore the organization's Cornerstone Partner relationship with Habitat for Humanity and its commitment to employee involvement and service to the community. Using its senior leadership team as an example, the company wants to illustrate that in 2007, it will be on a "Mission for the Community" as well as for its customers.

"The Gulf Region continues to feel the devastating effects of the 2005 hurricane season. Ongoing dedication to assisting and rebuilding this region is vital to restoring it to the thriving community it once was," said Dave Petratis, president and CEO of the Schneider Electric North American Operating Division. "Square D and Schneider Electric are committed to acting after disaster strikes. In addition, our long-standing partnership with Habitat for Humanity helps us make a positive difference long after the storms have passed."

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As a National Partner and a Cornerstone Society member of Habitat's "More Than Houses" campaign, Square D / Schneider Electric has already contributed approximately \$6 million in residential electrical distribution equipment for use in homes built in the U.S., Canada and Mexico since 2001. In addition, the company donated labor, supplies and over \$1 million to eight separate rebuilding initiatives in the Gulf Region last year, attempting to restore cherished community locations such as athletic facilities, museums and a medical clinic damaged by Hurricane Katrina.

"We are grateful to Square D and Schneider Electric for their work in helping Habitat for Humanity on a national scale," said Jonathan Reckford, CEO, Habitat for Humanity International. "The generous donation of time, money and equipment from the company and its employees help us to improve and enrich lives with simple, decent and affordable housing."

The \$7 million financial commitment to Habitat for Humanity will provide each home with a Square D brand load center, circuit breakers and other related electrical equipment.

For additional information regarding Schneider Electric North American Operating Division's Hurricane Katrina relief efforts, log on to <http://www.us.schneider-electric.com>.

Headquartered in Palatine, Ill., the North American Operating Division of Schneider Electric had sales of \$2.8 billion (U.S.) in 2005. The North American Operating Division is one of four operating divisions of Schneider Electric, headquartered in Paris, France, and markets the Square D, Telemecanique and Merlin Gerin brand products to customers in the United States, Canada and Mexico. In the United States, Schneider Electric is best known by its flagship Square D brand, with Telemecanique becoming increasingly known in the industrial control and automation markets and supported by many Square D distributors. For 100 years, Square D has been a market-leading brand of electrical distribution and industrial control products, systems and services. Schneider Electric is a global electrical industry leader with 2005 sales of approximately \$14.5 billion (U.S.). Visit Schneider Electric on the Internet at:

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About Habitat for Humanity International

Habitat for Humanity International is an ecumenical Christian ministry that welcomes to its work all people dedicated to the cause of eliminating poverty housing. Since its founding in Americus, Ga., in 1976, Habitat has built more than 200,000 houses in nearly 100 countries, providing simple, decent and affordable shelter for more than one million people. For more information, visit www.habitat.org.

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