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**CES LIQUIDATING AND TES LIQUIDATING PERMANENTLY ENJOINED  
FROM SELLING COUNTERFEIT SQUARE D® PRODUCTS**

**PALATINE, III.** – May 30, 2007 – Square D®, best known in the United States as the flagship brand for the Schneider Electric North American Operating Division, announced today that on April 25, 2007, CES Liquidating, Inc. (formerly Connecticut Electric & Switch Manufacturing Company) and TES Liquidating LLC (formerly Tacoma Electric Supply LLC) are permanently enjoined from marketing, selling, distributing, purchasing and importing any Square D products. The injunction arose out of Square D's claims that CES Liquidating and TES Liquidating sold counterfeit circuit breakers bearing Square D's trademarks. Square D's continuing efforts to track down counterfeiters and protect intellectual property rights had revealed that CES Liquidating and TES Liquidating sold 85,000 counterfeit circuit breakers that could pose hazards to consumers.

The injunction order, to which CES Liquidating and TES Liquidating consented, was entered by Federal District Court Judge Kelly Arnold in the United States District Court located in Tacoma, Washington. Square D had filed suit on December 20, 2006 alleging that CES Liquidating and TES Liquidating participated in false advertising, product disparagement and trademark infringement in violation of Federal and State law, and seeking monetary and injunctive relief to prevent CES Liquidating and TES Liquidating from selling and marketing counterfeit products. As alleged in the lawsuit, testing by Square D has shown that counterfeit electric distribution products pose serious health and safety hazards to innocent customers. Connecticut Electric, Inc. and Tacoma Electric Supply, Inc., purchasers of certain assets of the CES Liquidating and TES Liquidating in January 2007, have also agreed to not sell, purchase or package products manufactured by Square D.

"Square D is committed to enforcing its trademark and property rights and to prevent the sale and importation of counterfeit products bearing its trademarks or designs. Square D will also take appropriate action to prevent product disparagement and false advertising," said Bill Snyder, vice president channel development for the Schneider Electric North American Operating Division. "The swift handling of this lawsuit demonstrates how determined and serious Square D is about putting an end to the counterfeiting of its products. There will be many more battles as part of the larger war Square D intends to wage on counterfeiters."

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According to the consent order, CES Liquidating and TES Liquidating placed approximately 85,000 counterfeit Square D circuit breakers in the field. The Court's order requires that they sequester and ship to Square D approximately 22,000 additional counterfeit Square D circuit breakers they have in their inventory. The consent order requires CES and TES to recall the counterfeit products in cooperation with the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission. The Court's order also requires CES Liquidating and TES Liquidating to provide Square D records going back to 2004 identifying their suppliers and purchasers of Square D products, along with information about the quantities acquired and sold.

"Square D has every intention of pursuing counterfeiters up and down the distribution chain. We'll stop at nothing to preserve the integrity of our products and protect innocent customers from the serious health and safety hazards associated with counterfeit products," said Snyder.

In order to prevent the potential purchase of counterfeit products, customers should continue to purchase their Square D products from authorized Square D distributors. Authorized distributors have the skill, expertise and know how to provide customers with authentic Square D products and services that meet their needs and specifications.

Square D is a market-leading global brand of Schneider Electric for National Electrical Manufacturing Association (NEMA) type electrical distribution and industrial control products, systems and services. Square D products are found in all types of residential, commercial and industrial construction, in a wide range of manufacturing and processing facilities, and in or on the products of other manufacturers.

A copy of the lawsuit and Consent Order for Permanent Injunctive and Other Relief are available by calling the Square D Legal Department (847) 397-2600. Any inquiries relating to the lawsuit should be directed to Stephen Litchfield, Assistant General Counsel, Square D Company, Palatine, Illinois.

### **About Schneider Electric**

Headquartered in Palatine, Ill., the North American Operating Division of Schneider Electric had sales of \$3.7 billion (U.S.) in 2006. The North American Operating Division is one of four operating divisions of Schneider Electric, headquartered in Paris, France, and markets the Square D<sup>®</sup>, Telemecanique<sup>®</sup> and Merlin Gerin<sup>®</sup> 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 more than 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 2006 sales of approximately \$17.2 billion (U.S.). Visit Schneider Electric on the Internet at:

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