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SQUARE D® / SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC PARTICIPATES IN INAUGURAL OCONEE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PRODUCT SHOWCASE

Seneca, S.C., – April 26, 2007 – The Schneider Electric North American Operating Division, best known in the United States for its Square D® brand of products, systems and services, participated in the Oconee County Industrial Group (OCIG) Industrial Showcase on April 24 and 25 at the Shaver Complex in Seneca, S.C. The Square D Seneca manufacturing operation opened in 1986 and currently employs nearly 700 people at the Oconee County manufacturing facility.

The Square D brand products on display were enclosed AC drives and a low voltage motor control center – both products that are assembled at the Square D manufacturing facility located in Seneca. The exhibit also provided attendees with information on how, as an area employer, Square D supports the local community by supplying jobs and contributing to the local tax base, in addition to sponsoring employee volunteer programs and participating in community events.

The program kicked off on Tuesday evening and was attended by more than 200 community leaders, politicians, school officials, and guests. In addition to the Square D exhibit, display booths were hosted by more than 20 county businesses and provided information about locally manufactured products and services. According to a representative from the Oconee County Industrial Group (OCIG), the showcase is an essential element in promoting public awareness of local business.

On Wednesday, area school officials and students visited the Shaver Complex to view the exhibits. Larry Smith, manager of the Seneca Square D plant operation said the showcase illustrated the need for

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continued development of the local labor force. "An adequate supply of labor is essential to a successful industrial operation" said Smith. "It is important to impress upon our area youth that manufacturing jobs offer great opportunities for their future careers."

The OCIG works in cooperation with the Economic Development Commission (EDC). The diverse business group meets once a month and provides the opportunity for local industry leaders to meet informally and share mutual successes and concerns.

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