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The Schneider Electric North American Operating Division helps support Habitat for Humanity's Jimmy Carter Work Project in Los Angeles

Palatine, Ill. — October 28, 2007 — The Schneider Electric North American Operating Division is lending support to Habitat for Humanity's 24th annual Jimmy Carter Work Project (JCWP) from Oct. 28 through Nov. 2, 2007, in Los Angeles. During the weeklong project, thousands of volunteers from around the world will join former U.S. President Jimmy Carter and his wife, Rosalynn, in building 30 new homes and repairing 70 homes that will be completed by the end of the year.

Schneider Electric will donate Square D[®] electrical equipment for every home to be built during the weeklong event. Members of the company's North American executive team also will be on hand to help build homes at the Vermont Avenue site, located in Los Angeles.

The Habitat homes will be built in partnership with 30 low-income families in South Los Angeles and the San Pedro section of the city near the port. Families will pay a no-profit mortgage for the homes. Mortgage payments will be recycled to build even more simple, decent and affordable housing in the Los Angeles area. Seventy homes in those two neighborhoods, already owned by low-income families, will be repaired through Habitat's "A Brush with Kindness" program.

To help additional families in one of the most expensive and overcrowded metropolitan areas in the United States, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles made a three-year commitment to build and repair 150 additional homes throughout the area to help more low-income families.

"Schneider Electric is helping to make a difference in the lives of families in need by supporting this project," said Dave Petratis, president and CEO of the Schneider Electric North American Operating Division. "Together, we are building strong communities where people have a house to call home."

"We are grateful to Schneider Electric for its donation and volunteer hours, which will have a lasting impact on families in Los Angeles," said Jonathan Reckford, president and CEO, Habitat for Humanity International.

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In addition to supporting the Jimmy Carter Work Project, the Schneider Electric North American Operating Division has worked to make simple, decent housing possible by donating almost \$6 million in value of Square D residential electrical equipment for Habitat homes built in the United States, Canada and Mexico. In 2006, Schneider Electric renewed its commitment by pledging to donate \$7 million in equipment over the next 4½ years. The company also sponsors houses in many of its major locations throughout North America.

The Carters are Habitat's most famous volunteers. Each year since 1984, the Carters have given one week of their time to build homes and raise awareness about the need for simple, decent and affordable housing. Previous JCWP events have been held in New York City, Georgia, Michigan, the Philippines, Hungary, South Korea and South Africa. Habitat's project with the Carters in 2008 will be held along the U.S. Gulf Coast.

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®, 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 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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About Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles

HFH GLA (www.habitatla.org) strives to eliminate poverty housing through advocacy, education and partnership with families in need to build simple, decent affordable housing. Since 1990, HFH GLA has built more than 190 homes, transforming the lives of hundreds of individuals. In the spring of 2007, HFH GLA kicked off its three-year Building a Greater Los Angeles campaign to build or renovate over 250 homes in Los Angeles County.

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 1976, Habitat has built more than 250,000 houses worldwide, providing simple, decent and affordable shelter for more than 1 million people. For more information, visit www.habitat.org.

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