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Schneider Electric North American Operating Division Names George Powers Senior Vice President, Human Resources and Administration

Palatine, Ill. (USA), October 27, 2008 — The Schneider Electric North American Operating Division announces the appointment of George Powers to senior vice president, Human Resources and Administration.

Powers began his career with Schneider Electric in 1993 as a senior compensation analyst and then held management positions in the Lexington, Ky., and Oshkosh, Wis., facilities. He was named director, Human Resources, for the sales and services division in 1997 and moved in 2002 to Toronto, Canada, where he led the human resources organization for Schneider Electric Canada. He has led numerous human resources initiatives in the United States and Canada. In 2005, he returned to the United States and was named vice president, Human Resources, for the U.S. business.

In his current role, he is responsible for strategic and operational human resources and communications leadership for the Schneider Electric North American Operating Division.

"I am confident George will use his experience, talent and passion for the human resources discipline to drive success as a leader of the North American Operating Division," said Chris Curtis, president and CEO, Schneider Electric North American Operating Division. "His achievements in partnering with many of our business leaders to advance our talent management objectives across North America, demonstrate his abilities to strengthen our overall business."

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Powers holds a bachelor's degree in communications from Illinois State University and a Master of Business Administration from Lake Forest Graduate School of Management.

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