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**Schneider Electric North American Operating Division
Recognized as Outstanding Supplier by Grainger**

Palatine, Ill. – May, 2005 – Schneider Electric’s North American Operating Division was presented with Grainger’s prestigious CFQ1 (Customer Focused Quality) Award for 2004 at its Partners In Performance Supplier Conference held this month in Lincolnshire, Ill. Grainger, the leading broad line supplier of facilities maintenance products serving businesses and institutions throughout North America, presents the award annually to a select group of suppliers for outstanding performance throughout the year.

Grainger's CFQ1 Award recognizes suppliers who achieve excellence in several categories, including responsiveness, information integrity, on-time shipping, management commitment and order fulfillment. Grainger suppliers receive ratings throughout the year for their performance in each of these categories. Approximately two percent of Grainger's 1,100 suppliers receive this award each year.

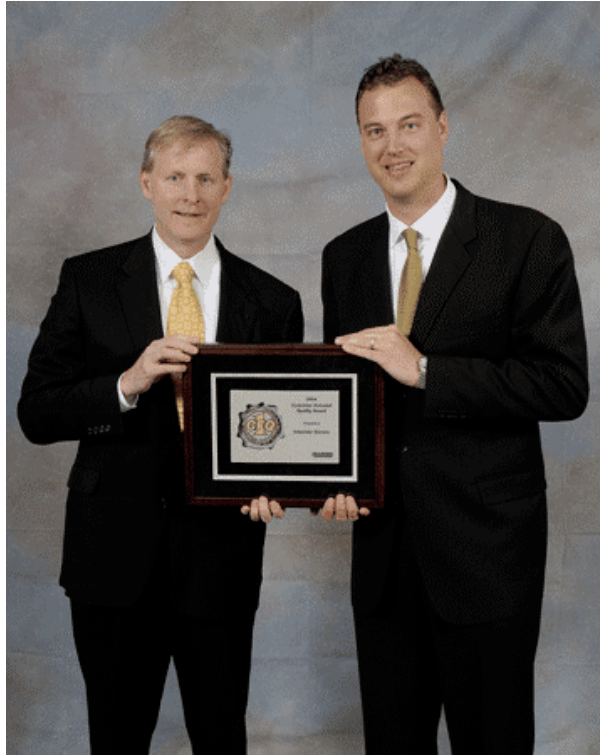
“We partner with Grainger in the distribution of our products because they are committed to the absolute highest level of quality in serving our mutual end-users,” said David D. Petratis, president and CEO of Schneider Electric’s North American Operating Division. “Grainger has set very high standards for its suppliers and we are very pleased to be recognized for our ability to consistently meet them.”

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"Grainger is proud to present Schneider Electric with the 2004 CFQ1 Award," said Michael Pulick, Grainger's Vice President of Product Management. "We value our relationship with Schneider Electric and look forward to continuing to work together on programs that meet the needs of our customers and drive profitable growth for both companies."



(Left) David D. Petratis, President & CEO, Schneider Electric - North American Operating Division
(Right) Michael Pulick, Vice President of Product Management, Grainger

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About Schneider Electric North American Operating Division

Headquartered in Palatine, Ill., the North American Operating Division of Schneider Electric had sales of \$2.6 billion (U.S.) in 2004. 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 2004 sales of approximately \$12.8 billion (U.S.). Visit Schneider Electric on the Internet at:

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- Telemecanique Products – <http://www.us.telemecanique.com>
- Square D Products – <http://www.us.squared.com>
- Merlin Gerin Products – <http://www.us.merlengerin.com>

About Grainger

W.W. Grainger, Inc. (NYSE: GWW), with 2004 sales of \$5 billion, is the leading broad line supplier of facilities maintenance products serving businesses and institutions throughout North America. Through its network of nearly 600 branches, 17 distribution centers and multiple Web sites, Grainger helps customers save time and money by providing them with the right products to keep their facilities running.