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SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC'S "LIFE PLANNING PROCESS" PROVIDES COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION FOR SOUND DECISIONS

PALATINE, III. — May 9, 2008 — The Automation and Control Life Planning Process from Schneider Electric is designed to provide its customers with a structure and framework for making industrial system planning decisions consistent with a manufacturer's intentions for the future. The step-by-step process includes an assessment of current operations, equipment, and key business needs. This information is used to generate a customized report detailing a comprehensive strategy to maximize the effectiveness and return on investment of a user's equipment.

"Whether your goal is to prolong the life of installed automation equipment, upgrade to new systems, or plan for future process changes, the Automation and Control Life Planning Process represents a critical first step in solution development," said Robb Dussault, automation and control services manager, Schneider Electric. "The results, documented in the customized report, give industrial users options for asset management, spare parts, upgrades, risk mitigation, productivity improvements, and increased reliability."

With the help of a Schneider Electric certified Installed Base Consultant, the Automation and Control Life Planning Process examines four primary decision criteria industrial users cite when formulating plans for the future of their automated system or process: process efficiency and resource utilization; maintenance costs; process modifications and expansions; and safety and security. Schneider Electric balances considerations from all four of these criteria in a logical and deliberate way to help users clarify their current state and understand options for the future.

For more information about the Automation and Control Life Planning Process from Schneider Electric, call 1-888-266-8705, option 3, or inquire at www.us.schneider-electric.com/lifeplan.

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