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**SQUARE D® OBTAINS INJUNCTION AGAINST MIAMI BREAKER
AND GENERAL BREAKER & PANEL TO
PREVENT THE SALE OF COUNTERFEIT PRODUCTS**

PALATINE, Ill. – October 30, 2007 – Square D®, best known in the United States as the flagship brand for the Schneider Electric North American Operating Division, announced today that on Oct. 2, 2007, Miami Breaker, Inc., and General Breaker & Panel, Inc., both of Miami, Fla., agreed to entry of an Agreed Consent Order for Permanent Injunctive Relief in a lawsuit brought by Square D in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida. The lawsuit arose from evidence that both Miami Breaker and General Breaker & Panel had acquired and sold substantial quantities of counterfeit circuit breakers bearing trademarks registered to Square D.

“Nearly 60,000 of these counterfeit products were sold into the field by these unauthorized resellers,” said Bill Snyder, vice president of channel development at Square D. “These counterfeit products are inferior in quality and pose risks to the public. They can fail to trip in the event of an overload or a short circuit, thereby creating a risk of fire. Anyone choosing to deal in the marketplace where these counterfeit goods are sold is putting people and property in danger.”

The Agreed Consent Order for Permanent Injunctive Relief, signed by U.S. District Court Judge K. Michael Moore, requires that Miami Breaker develop, in cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), a corrective action plan under the CPSC’s Fast Track Product Recall Program, which may require refund or replacement of the counterfeit goods in the field. Almost all of these counterfeit products were sold by Miami Breaker to other unauthorized resellers for eventual sale to end users, although more than 200 were sold directly to the Miami-Dade County Public School System.

Both Miami Breaker and General Breaker & Panel also are enjoined from purchasing and selling counterfeit Square D circuit breakers, and Miami Breaker is to permit Square D to periodically inspect its inventory to ensure its compliance with the court’s order.

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“Square D is committed to finding those responsible for the manufacture, distribution and sale of counterfeit products and exercising its legal right to stop those who are putting the public at risk and profiting from use of Square D’s trademarks and designs,” said Snyder. “We’ll stop at nothing to preserve the integrity of our products and protect customers from the serious health and safety hazards associated with counterfeit products.”

Square D is a market-leading global brand of Schneider Electric for National Electrical Manufacturing Association (NEMA) type electrical distribution and industrial control products, systems and services. Square D products are found in all types of residential, commercial and industrial construction, in a wide range of manufacturing and processing facilities, and in or on the products of other manufacturers.

Any inquiries relating to this lawsuit, including requests for copies of the Agreed Consent Order for Permanent Injunctive Relief, should be directed to Stephen Litchfield, assistant general counsel, Square D Company, Palatine, Ill. at (847) 925-3516.

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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