

Press Release

Schneider Electric Strengthens Position in European Remote Management Market by Acquiring France's Napac

Rueil Malmaison, France – September 07, 2006 – Schneider Electric announced today that its Sorhodel Bardin SAS subsidiary has acquired Napac SA, an Air Liquide subsidiary that is a leading French provider of intelligent remote management solutions for the infrastructure market.

Napac designs, builds and markets a comprehensive portfolio of software and equipment to deliver end-to-end remote management solutions, comprising dedicated PLCs, SCADA software, web interfaces and other features, for a wide variety of customer applications, such as gas and fluids storage, water networks, refrigerated warehouses, control room management, power generation and HVAC engineering. It reported nearly €6 million in revenue in 2005.

The acquisition has enabled Schneider Electric to extend the range of products and solutions offered by Sorhodel Bardin, which is specialized in remote management and control solutions for the energy and infrastructure markets. In addition, a multi-year contract with Air Liquide, signed in conjunction with the acquisition, has strengthened the partnership between the two companies.

About Napac

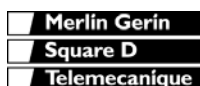
Created in 1985 and an Air Liquide subsidiary since 1999, Napac is a leading provider of remote management solutions. It employs 40 people at two locations, a primary design, production and marketing facility in Paris and a sales agency in Aix-en-Provence. NAPAC delivers high-performance solutions tailored to customer specifications for such applications as gas or liquid storage, water networks, refrigerated warehouses, control room management, power generation and HVAC engineering. They are marketed in France directly by the company and worldwide via Air Liquide. www.napac.fr

Napac **Remote Management Solutions**

About Sorhodel Bardin

Created in 2003 by the merger of Sorhodel, a remote management specialist, and Bardin, a provider of power grid fault detection systems, Schneider Electric subsidiary Sorhodel Bardin is a world leader in remote management and maintenance support solutions for MV power networks. For the past two years, the company has also developed solutions to remotely manage water networks, wind power systems, public lighting and other infrastructure. It has 70 employees and reported €20 million in 2005 revenue, of which more than 50% from exports to 30 countries worldwide. www.sorhodelbardin.com

Sorhodel Bardin **Remote management and fault detection**



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