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**SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC NORTH AMERICAN OPERATING DIVISION ANNOUNCES JIM PAULEY ELECTED
NEW VICE-CHAIRMAN OF AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARDS INSTITUTE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

PALATINE, III. – March 6, 2007 – The Schneider Electric North American Operating Division today announced Jim Pauley has assumed the role of vice-chairman of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). He officially began his tenure in January 2007. In addition to his new role, Pauley will continue serving as vice-president, industry and government relations for the Schneider Electric North American Operating Division – best known in the United States by its flagship Square D® brand of electrical distribution and control equipment.

“ANSI strives to deliver outstanding value to its members by providing insight into best practices for standards, conformity assessment and technical regulations, creating networking opportunities and facilitating access to industry information and business intelligence. Jim has been committed to the organization and an active member of ANSI for many years. We could not imagine a better person to help take our organization to the next level,” said Joe Bhatia, CEO of ANSI. “We are honored that he has accepted this position and we look forward to working with him in his new role as vice-chairman.”

Based in Lexington, Ky., Pauley has been involved in standards activities for more than 20 years, including 10 years with ANSI. He has served in many other groups throughout the industry, including the National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA), the International Association of Electrical Inspectors (IAEI), the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). Square D has been a member organization of ANSI since 1970.

At the Schneider Electric North American Operating Division, Pauley is responsible for directing company activities in all aspects of industry standards – both domestic and international. He leads the conformity assessment strategy and implementation associated with company products and is also responsible for company positions on policy issues at local, state and national levels.

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Pauley has a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering, and a Professional Engineer Registration in Kentucky. He has also authored multiple papers, including "North American Codes and Standards: A global Challenge."

About American National Standards Institute

The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) coordinates the development and use of voluntary consensus standards in the United States and represents the needs and views of U.S. stakeholders in standardization forums around the globe. The Institute oversees the creation, promulgation and use of thousands of norms and guidelines that directly impact businesses in nearly every sector: from acoustical devices to construction equipment, from dairy and livestock production to energy distribution, and many more. ANSI is also actively engaged in accrediting programs that assess conformance to standards – including globally-recognized cross-sector programs such as the ISO 9000 (quality) and ISO 14000 (environmental) management systems.

About Schneider Electric

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