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SQUARE D® RECOGNIZED AS OUTSTANDING DISTRIBUTION SUPPLIER BY REXEL

PALATINE, III. – Aug. 31, 2006 – Square D®, best known in the United States as Schneider Electric's flagship brand for electrical distribution and industrial control products, systems and services, was presented with Rexel's prestigious Outstanding Distribution Supplier Award at its President's Club Sales Award event held April 29 in Cancun, Mexico. Rexel, the U.S. subsidiary of Rexel S.A., the world's largest electrical parts distributor, presents the award to a select group of suppliers for outstanding performance throughout the year.

"We are honored to be recognized by Rexel as a partner in performance," said Dave Petratis, president and CEO of Schneider Electric North American Operating Division. "Our Schneider Electric business philosophy and commitment to excellence mirrors that of Rexel, and we look forward to continuing our longstanding partnership. This year proves we raised the bar on performance, and we hope to continue doing so in the years to come."

Rexel's Outstanding Distribution Supplier Award honors the top manufacturer of distribution equipment during 2005, recognizing the supplier who achieves excellence in several categories, including field support, pricing, delivery and quality product. Rexel's corporate staff selected the nominees for the award, and the winner was determined by the field and approved by members of Rexel executive staff.

"Rexel is proud to present Square D with the Outstanding Distribution Supplier Award," said John Kudlacek, Rexel's vice president of marketing and purchasing. "We wanted to recognize suppliers who have achieved excellence within their industry, and Square D has done just that. We are eager to continue working with Square D to drive profitable growth for both companies."

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About Rexel

The No. 1 worldwide distribution network for electrical supplies, Rexel operates in 24 countries through a network of 1,686 branches. The Group employs 21,000 people and posted sales of 7.4 billion euros in 2005.

About Schneider Electric

Headquartered in Palatine, Ill., the North American Operating Division of Schneider Electric had sales of \$2.8 billion (U.S.) in 2005. 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 2005 sales of approximately \$14.5 billion (U.S.). Visit Schneider Electric on the Internet at:

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