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SCHNEIDER NORTH AMERICA DONATES \$1 MILLION TO HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF EFFORTS

PALATINE, Ill. – September 2, 2005 – Schneider North America announced today its pledge of \$1 million to support Hurricane Katrina relief efforts in Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi and Florida's Broward and Miami-Dade counties. In addition, donations to these efforts from its employees in the United States will be matched by the Square D Foundation.

The pledge represents all of Schneider North America in the United States, Canada and Mexico. This includes the brands and companies of Schneider Electric in North America – Square D, Telemecanique, Merlin Gerin, EFI Electronics, Juno Lighting, Inc., Power Measurement Inc. (PMI), Hyde Park Electronics, TAC, MGE UPS Systems and Veris Industries.

"Across North America, our people are demonstrating an outpouring of care and concern," said David Petratis, president and CEO of Schneider Electric's North American Operating Division. "Every day employees are contacting me to see what more they can do to support the victims of this tragedy, either through contributions, physical labor – anything they can offer to make a difference."

The distribution of the pledge dollars will be managed through the Square D Foundation based on the specific, critical needs of those organizations involved in relief and recovery efforts. This includes non-profit organizations such as the American Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity, the Salvation Army, etc.

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“The devastation is incredible and is being felt by people across the country. Much is needed for residents of the hardest hit areas, which is why we are doing our part to help in the relief efforts,” added Petratis. “Cash donations are needed most to support the relief efforts, and we are encouraging our employees to contribute what they can, and supporting them through our Matching Gift program.”

Schneider Electric’s North American Operating Division will also match any and all employee contributions made in support of the relief efforts through the Square D Foundation to qualifying organizations based on Foundation guidelines.

In addition, the Square D “WE CARE” program is in effect in FEMA-declared disaster areas to address public safety issues and support electrical industry professionals as they repair damaged electrical structures and systems. The company’s Customer Information Center (CIC) and Services teams are ready and available to meet urgent customer needs. The company will also donate a percentage of revenues from related equipment sales to the American Red Cross to help bring relief and assistance to those in need.

For more information on Schneider Electric, the Square D Foundation or the “WE CARE” program, visit www.schneider-electric.com.

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Headquartered in Palatine, Ill., the North American Operating Division of Schneider Electric had sales of \$2.6 billion (U.S.) in 2004. 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 2004 sales of approximately \$12.8 billion (U.S.). Visit Schneider Electric on the Internet at:

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