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SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC'S MISSION FOR THE COMMUNITY WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY IS WELL UNDERWAY

Local employee involvement part of company's longstanding partnership

[Palatine, Ill.], (August 14, 2007) – In January, as part of its "Mission for the Community," the Schneider Electric North American Operating Division unveiled its plan to fund nine Habitat for Humanity houses throughout North America. Funded by the Schneider Electric/Square D Foundation, the house sponsorships cover the cost of the land, infrastructure and materials to build the Habitat homes. They also give Schneider Electric employees the opportunity to volunteer on the builds.

"The involvement of our people with Habitat for Humanity is a very important part of our longstanding partnership," said Peggy Gann, Senior Vice President, Human Resources and Administration. "The nine builds are in addition to one-day Habitat build events, also sponsored by the Foundation, organized by our people throughout North America working with their local Habitat affiliates."

As a National Partner and a Cornerstone Society member of Habitat's "More Than Houses" campaign, Schneider Electric has donated almost \$6 million in value of Square D® residential electrical equipment for Habitat homes built in the U.S., Canada and Mexico. In 2006, Schneider Electric renewed its commitment by pledging to donate \$7 million in Square D residential electrical equipment over the next four-and-a-half years.

The locations for the nine Schneider Electric/Habitat for Humanity builds are Boston, Mass.; Columbia, Mo.; Edmonton, Canada; Lincoln, Neb.; Mechanicsburg, Pa.; Nashville, Tenn.; Raleigh, N.C.; Salisbury, N.C.; and Mexico. Many of the homes are now underway with construction in Lincoln, Nashville, Raleigh and Salisbury to begin in the fall 2007.

"We are thankful for the support Schneider Electric has given Habitat for Humanity, not only in product donations to outfit every Habitat house with Square D equipment but in the hundreds of hours its employees give of their time," said Jonathan Reckford, CEO, Habitat for Humanity International.

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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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About Habitat for Humanity International

Habitat for Humanity International is an ecumenical Christian ministry that welcomes to its work all people dedicated to the cause of eliminating poverty housing. Since its founding in 1976, Habitat has built more than 225,000 houses worldwide, providing simple, decent and affordable shelter for more than 1 million people. For more information, visit www.habitat.org.

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