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**SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC NORTH AMERICAN OPERATING DIVISION  
PLANT LOCATION WINS STATE SAFETY COUNCIL AWARD**

*Schiller Park, Illinois Manufacturing Facility Honored with Best Safety Performance Award*

**PALATINE, Ill.** – June 12, 2006 – Schneider Electric's North American Operating Division today announced its switchboards manufacturing plant in Schiller Park, Ill. was recognized by the federal Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) and the Illinois Safety Council with the Best Safety Performance Award for 2005. The award is presented to the state manufacturing facility that documents the greatest improvement in its medical incident rate (MIR) from one year to the next. For 2005, the Schiller Park location reported the number of medical incidents per 100 employees was 0.88, compared to 3.55 in 2004. In addition, the Schiller Park plant has operated for 370 consecutive days without a reportable medical incident.

"This award is a testament to our company's commitment to safety, the dedication of our people and the way they have embraced the safety philosophy," says Rey Salvador, plant manager of the Schiller Park facility. "Whether it has been on or off the job, each of our employees has done his or her part to raise awareness of the importance of safety. All of our employees should be congratulated for their efforts."

For decades, Schneider Electric has embraced safety as a key operational objective, beyond providing products to help its customers use electricity safely at home and in the workplace. Schneider Electric prides itself on being a company that is committed to the safety of its workforce, and has made it the number one priority for each of its 17,700 employees in 30 plants across North America. Because of this commitment, Schneider Electric's North American Operating Division safety numbers are the best in the industry and among the best in the United States.

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“We work to maintain a safe attitude and atmosphere at each of our plants. Every plant manager, general manager and line supervisor is expected to put safety at the beginning of every employee communication and to spend time every day making their plant – and the overall organization – a safer place to work,” said Mary Frances Cox, senior vice president, operations for Schneider Electric’s North American Operating Division. “We commend Rey and his team for a job well done.”

Schneider Electric managers are measured on their commitment to safety through their plant’s MIR, lost time accident rate and workers compensation costs. In addition, plant managers are encouraged to conduct daily and weekly walk-around audits to identify and prevent potential safety hazards.

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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