

Press Release

Schneider Electric Indonesia is opening four schools in Meulaboh and Banda Aceh, in partnership with the Indonesian Ministry of Education and Cultural Affairs and the Nurani Dunia association

Rueil - Malmaison, July 18th, 2006 – More than 800 Indonesian schoolchildren will soon be starting classes in four new schools at Meulaboh and Banda Aceh, leaving behind them the tents which gave them temporary shelter and also served as classrooms.

These four schools - 3 primary schools and 1 kindergarten - are part of the Schneider Electric reconstruction program set up after the Tsunami, with a budget for Indonesia amounting to \$ 720,705, \$ 682,930 of which are intended for the schools.

Built in partnership with the Indonesian Ministry of Education and Cultural Affairs and the Nurani Dunia association, the schools will be inaugurated July 19th and 20th, 2006.

"A year after rebuilding began, we are pleased to be opening these four schools for Indonesian children who will thus be able to return to normal schooling. It is the concrete result of the commitment by the Group's 92,000 employees and the work done in the field over the last year and a half by the local coordination teams," says Gilles Vermot Desroches, Vice President, Sustainable Development and Schneider Electric Foundation.

Overview of the 3 primary schools and the kindergarten

The rise in the price of raw materials and the heavy rain did nothing to blunt the determination of the stakeholders: construction work began in mid-2005 and the new schools have now been completed.

- The TK Darusalamah kindergarten in Meulaboh:

A joint operation with the Ministry of Education and Cultural Affairs, the school reconstruction program includes: 2 classrooms (30 to 35 pupils per class), 1 staff room, a playground and sanitary facilities.

Budget: \$ 65,000

Inauguration: July 19th, 2006

- SDN 13 school in Meulaboh:

In partnership with the Ministry of Education and Cultural Affairs, this primary school, which was completely destroyed by the Tsunami, includes: 9 classrooms (30 to 35 pupils per class), 1 office for the headmaster and teachers, 1 secretariat, 1 library, 1 laboratory and sanitary facilities.

Budget: \$ 141,000

Inauguration: July 19th, 2006

- SDN 21 school in Meulaboh:

In partnership with the Ministry of Education and Cultural Affairs, this primary school, which was destroyed by the Tsunami, includes: 9 classrooms (35 pupils per class), 1 office for the headmaster and teachers, 1 office for administrative staff, 1 library, 1 laboratory, sanitary facilities and school equipment (blackboards, desks, chairs, etc.).

Budget: \$ 141,000

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- Klieng primary school, Banda Aceh:

In partnership with the association Nurani Dunia, this project includes: 6 classrooms (25 to 30 pupils), 1 infirmary, storage facilities, 1 library, 1 canteen, 1 office for the headmaster and teachers, and sanitary facilities.

Budget: \$ 141,000

Inauguration: July 20th, 2006

Tsunami: Schneider Electric's Commitment

After the unprecedented natural disaster that hit the Indonesian coast on December 26th, 2004, Schneider Electric and its employees decided to take strong action to help the stricken population. A sum of \$ 3,706,742 was collected, including \$ 853,371 from the group's employees, as well as donations of equipment and services.

These resources helped to launch multiple operations in 4 countries: Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India and Thailand – 50 projects supported, 3 programs: emergency, donations of equipment and services, reconstruction – with the prime objective of simplifying the inhabitants' daily lives.

Each project is jointly sponsored by the Schneider Electric Foundation and local Indonesian partners in charge of monitoring operations.

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