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Schneider Electric Donates \$3 Million to Tsunami Relief

Palatine, Ill. – Jan. 14, 2005 – Schneider Electric, the only global enterprise devoted exclusively to electrical distribution, automation and control, will make a donation estimated at \$3 million (U.S.) to the tsunami relief effort, announced David D. Petratis, president and chief executive officer of the North American Operating Division.

The donation includes \$1 million cash gift to support emergency relief efforts in the hardest hit areas in India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, and Thailand. In addition, the company is donating electrical equipment and services valued at an additional \$1 million to help re-establish drinking water supply systems, refurbish power grids, etc. Finally, Schneider Electric, which operates in 130 countries, and is best known in the United States for its Square D brand, is selecting projects to fund or co-fund, such as reconstruction of orphanages and schools. Employee donations to these efforts worldwide will be matched by the Schneider Electric Foundation up to \$1 million. In the United States, employee donations to tsunami relief efforts will also be matched by the Square D Foundation.

“The enormity of this disaster has hit home with people throughout the world, and we want to contribute to the outpouring of support for those in need,” said

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Petratis. "The nature of our business makes it all the more important that we step forward and lend our expertise and equipment toward the restoration of systems that are crucial to survival in the aftermath of this disaster and to reconstruction throughout the region."

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