

## Press Release

### The Tsunami, one year after: Solidarity in action with Schneider Electric

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Last December 26, one of the most severe natural disasters hit Asia, several seismic tidal waves devastated the Pacific coasts: the Tsunamis.

A year later **Schneider Electric and its Foundation** are actively participating in helping the local populations return to normal and rebuild local infrastructure thanks to the intense mobilization of all its 92,500 employees and 200 volunteer employees.

50 projects are supported by the **Schneider Electric Foundation** mainly in the areas of education, training and healthcare:

- >12 **kindergartens, primary schools or school complexes** built in Indonesia, Thailand, India, and Sri Lanka,
- >2 **medical centers** in Indonesia (Banda Aceh) and India (Talam Petai, province of Nagapattinam),
- >1 **orphanage** in India (Rajavoor, province of Kanyakumarin, Tamil Nadu).

Moreover, **Schneider Electric and its Foundation** are using their know-how, technology and skills to restore the electrical and water networks in Indonesia. 70,000 circuit-breakers and 21 electrical distribution switchboards henceforth equip the electrical distribution systems of the Indonesia Power Utility, PLN Aceh in the region of Banda Aceh.

Among the other emergency actions completed, staple goods and household equipment were dispatched to the region of Batticaloa (Sri Lanka) by the UNHCR, 4 equipped ambulances were purchased, the Hospital of Pangah will be equipped with X-ray equipment in 2006.

On January 18, 2005, at the initiative of Henri Lachmann, Chairman and CEO of Schneider Electric, employees engaged in a global donation campaign devoted to Asia and the **Schneider Electric Foundation** collected US\$853,371 (€656,793). To top off the financial commitment of its employees, Schneider Electric contributed US\$2,853,371 USD (€2,196,083).

#### **About Schneider Electric**

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#### **About the Schneider Electric Foundation**

*The Schneider Electric Foundation, founded in 1998 under the aegis of Fondation de France, engages hearts and minds to serve young people, recognizes sustainable commitments and develops a spirit of sharing within the company.*

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