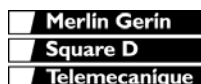

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Gilles Vermot Desroches, Vice-President Sustainable Development, Schneider Electric: “A forward-looking Directive that addresses today’s concerns”

“RoHS is a forward-looking Directive that addresses today’s concerns. It is gradually setting a standard for the entire world. The State of California, for example, will soon only accept RoHS-compliant products. This situation, combined with our commitment to sustainable development, explains the considerable efforts made by our Company to comply with the Directive. In addition to investments to adapt our production resources, we’ve devoted more than \$20 million to research and development for substitute solutions.

We won’t simply comply with RoHS by July 1, 2006. We intend to remove the products banned by RoHS from all our products throughout the world. This is not an official obligation, but we want to continue to set the example in sustainable development by showing that we’re a Company that can integrate and anticipate measures to protect the environment and human health in all our production processes” said Gilles Vermot-Desroches, Vice-President Sustainable Development, Schneider Electric.



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