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Schneider Electric Introduces Remote Management Solutions for Water Systems

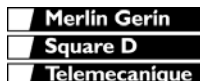
(Rueil Malmaison, France – October 2004) — Schneider Electric has introduced a new range of remote management solutions for water system operators. Marketed under the Telemecanique brand, the new offer is called W@de, for water application and distributed equipment. It is initially intended for the French market and will later be rolled out worldwide.

W@de meets the growing need for remote management of all types of drinking water plant and wastewater networks, including pumping and recovery stations, reservoirs, pressure boosting stations and lift stations. W@de optimizes operating costs by constantly controlling facilities, regulating equipment, monitoring use, directly alerting operators and providing maintenance. The French market for remote management of water systems is estimated at €60 million. Over the next ten years, 80,000 lift stations and 27,000 water towers will be renovated.

Based on the **Transparent Ready™** concept, these solutions provide remote management tools using web-enabled technologies, from embedded web servers to an entry portal. Data is accessed using any standard browser, which enables such services as management of historical data and technical alarms, mimic diagram control and command, and configuration. All communication systems can be used, including leased lines, switched telephone networks, radio or GSM.

The range is based on two Telemecanique W320 and W330 PLCs equipped with remote equipment management software, enhanced with W502 remote maintenance and supervision software that ensures transparent communication between facilities and distributed management systems, as well as between enterprise networks and the Internet.

Backed by more than 30 years' experience in the water market, Schneider Electric is constantly enhancing its portfolio of electrical distribution products and automation devices to meet the needs of customers around the world.



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