

Press release

Schneider Electric's sustainable commitment: from its Foundation for Energy Sharing to Princess Elisabeth Antarctica, the first "Zero Emission" scientific research station

Brussels, September 7, 2007 –Schneider Electric's committed action in favour of the Princess Elisabeth Antarctica research station symbolizes all the actions undertaken by the group in terms of environmental responsibility, preserving the planet and the need to reduce CO₂ emissions. For Jean-Pascal Tricoire, Chairman of the Schneider Electric Management Board, "*Encouraging access for all to electricity, consuming less, producing better, improving energy efficiency and contributing to the development of renewable energy are the challenges that the group intends to tackle*".

I. Schneider Electric: a Sustainable Development player

For Schneider Electric, Sustainable Development is a lever of responsibility and growth. In this way, for example, the group establishes responsible partnerships for the community and develops tools to measure its performance.

The Planet and Society Barometer– Introduced in the framework of the new² company programme, which places great emphasis on the progress objectives relating to Sustainable Development, it pursues three imperatives:

- to establish a Sustainable Development awareness raising and training tool,
- define strategic progress vectors,
- inform stakeholders of the company's results and performance in terms of results and not processes.

Every quarter, the Planet and Society Barometer follows the development of 10 strategic Sustainable Development indicators and communicates the results obtained via a dedicated Internet site (www.barometre.schneider-electric.com). Each of the indicators is given a score rating. Global performance grew from 3.4/10 in 2004 to 7.01/10 in 2006. The objective is to reach a performance rating of 8/10 by the end of 2008.

The barometer reflects Schneider Electric's commitment to the Global Compact and its major principles set out by the UNO. Since 2003, the group has endeavoured to promote this commitment among all of its partners.

The Schneider Electric Foundation for energy sharing – Its principal missions respond to the demands of durable commitment:

- to accompany young people in their professional insertion by helping them to discover the energy and environment professions;
- to transmit know-how by encouraging access to energy, even in the most disadvantaged countries;
- to promote the desire of men and women who want to encourage the creation or resumption of companies dedicated to this sector.

II. Schneider Electric, dynamic and active in energy efficiency

In a world where Sustainable Development calls for real commitment, for Schneider Electric energy efficiency represents a real opportunity for mobilisation, growth and differentiation. The group has all the skills and competence and the technologies to respond to this challenge.



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With the Energy Efficiency programme launched in 2005, energy efficiency is one of the group's major action vectors. The energy efficiency market has a long-term growth potential estimated at between 15 and 20 %. Already, Schneider electric products, solutions and services mean it is possible to generate savings of between 10 and 30 %, guaranteeing reliable energy supply without detrimental effects on comfort, performance and reliability.

The group offers a complete range of solutions that make it possible to:

- **reduce and manage energy consumption**, in particular thanks to integrated building control systems, electricity management and measuring software, energy saving equipment such as Altivar variable speed drives, and network lighting, heating and ventilation controls;
- **improve the reliability and availability of electrical energy**, via energy management solutions and high availability secured power supply solutions;
- **optimise energy costs**, through new software and services designed to reduce and improve management of energy bills (handling demand, load levelling, reduction of consumption, etc.).

Also, in May 2007, the group made a commitment to the EMCA (Energy Management Company Association) and the CBEEC (China Building Electricity Efficiency Committee), with the aim of participating in the national energy saving scheme and enabling its customers to economise, optimise and renew their sources of energy.

And in July 2007, Schneider Electric and its Building Automation Business Unit joined the Clinton Climate Initiative Foundation (CCI) with the aim of helping 40 cities and metropolitan areas throughout the world to manage the energy consumption of their buildings more efficiently, thus reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

III. A new Renewable Energy Business Unit

Schneider Electric has made a considerable commitment in the field of renewable energy, in particular with its range of photovoltaic inverters and its participation in Solaire Direct which designs, installs and operates photovoltaic infrastructures in France.

The group has bolstered this commitment by creating a new Business Unit dedicated to renewable energy and, in particular, solar energy.

This is the perfect response to the growing need of its customers who wish to combine energy efficiency and renewable energy.

Its objective is to offer the widest possible range of solutions and services for the tertiary and domestic markets, as well as for solar farms.

About Schneider Electric

The world leader in electrical distribution and automation & control, Schneider Electric develops a global offer of products and services for the residential, buildings, industry, energy and infrastructures markets. In 2006, the 112,000 employees of Schneider Electric generated total sales of € 13.7 billion through 15,000 sales outlets in 190 countries.

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