

Financial Information

Record high sales, EBITA and net profit
Pro-forma sales exceeded €20bn for the first time
Robust free cash flow at €1.7 bn, net debt down at €2.7bn
Strong start of Areva Distribution, exceeding expectation
2011 another year of solid growth and margin improvement

Rueil-Malmaison (France), February 17, 2011 – Schneider Electric announced today its fourth quarter sales and full year results for the period ending December 31, 2010.

Key figures (€ million)	Full Year 2009	Full Year 2010	% change
Sales <i>Organic growth</i>	15,793	19,580	+24% +9.3%
EBITA¹ before restructuring costs and Areva Distribution integration costs % of sales	2,018 12.8%	3,052 15.6%	+51% +2.8 pts
Attributable net profit	824	1,720	+109%

Jean-Pascal Tricoire, President and CEO, comments: “Our teams delivered record high sales and profitability in 2010. Including Areva Distribution on a full year basis, our sales exceeded €20 billion for the first time. All our activities and regions grew in 2010, thanks to improving end-markets, customer-focused organization, and strong footprint in new economies which represent 37% of our sales in 2010.

We enter 2011 with a solid momentum. In this new phase of the cycle, we will invest for growth in areas related to energy efficiency, the smart grid and in new economies. In parallel, we want to continue to drive cost efficiency in line with strategic roadmap of our One program. Our solid balance sheet will allow us to pursue value creative external growth and accelerate our strategic deployment.

For 2011, we target a solid organic sales growth of 6% to 9%, and an EBITA margin of 15.0% to 15.5% of sales, a raise from the 14.5% level in 2010 on pro-forma basis.”

¹ EBITA: EBIT before amortization and impairment of purchase accounting intangibles and impairment of goodwill.

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I. Q4 ORGANIC SALES UP 12.1%, LED BY STRONG INDUSTRY, REBOUND IN POWER AND DYNAMIC NEW ECONOMIES

Fourth quarter 2010 sales reached **€5,563 million**, up **36.1%** on a current structure and exchange rate basis. Like-for-like sales were up **12.1%**.

Organic growth by businesses in the fourth quarter

€ million	Full Year 2010	% change Full Year (organic)	Sales Q4 2010	% change Q4 (organic)
Power	10,318	+5.7%	2,795	+10.8%
Areva Distribution	1,230		601	
Industry	3,551	+23.6%	931	+20.6%
IT	2,646	+9.6%	734	+9.6%
Buildings	1,402	+3.3%	385	+9.1%
CST	433	+16.9%	117	+9.6%
Total	19,580	+9.3%	5,563	+12.1%

Power (50% of Q4 sales) saw a strong improvement in the fourth quarter with sales up **10.8%** like-for-like. Sequential improvement of the medium voltage business was confirmed, aided by better trends of its key markets, in particular the non-residential construction, energy and infrastructure segments. Low voltage continued to accelerate, benefiting from the upturn in trends in most geographies and end-markets. Solutions outgrew products in the quarter, thanks to solid growth of renewable energy projects as well as contracts in the infrastructure and non-residential building end-markets. While all regions were positive in Q4, Asia-Pacific, Latin America and Russia continued to lead the growth.

Areva Distribution (11% of Q4 sales) generated sales of €601 million in the quarter, leading to a total of €1,230 million for the June to December period. Details were included in the section “**Consolidation Impact**” and in **section IV**.

Industry (17% of Q4 sales) posted another quarter of strong growth, with sales up **20.6%** like-for-like, even against tougher year-on-year comparison. All business lines benefited from globally strong industrial output. Impact of component shortage that disturbed previous quarters was reduced. The trend of the solution business stayed very strong, reflecting market share gains with OEMs, increasing capital investment of key markets such as mining and water, and successful launches of new offers designed for new economies. The growth was balanced across all regions.

IT (13% of Q4 sales) sales were up **9.6%** year-on-year in this quarter. Growth of the solutions business topped the progression of small systems, confirming the acceleration in demand for complete datacenters solutions on a global basis. Component shortage was still an issue in some places. By region, North America continued to lead while Western Europe improved sequentially. New economies benefited from a strong Russia and good momentum in most part of Asia.

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Buildings (7% of Q4 sales) sales grew **9.1%** year-on-year, significantly stronger than previous quarters. The improvement was driven by the recovery of video security products, in particular in new economies, and a further acceleration of the solutions business, thanks in part to energy efficiency contracts won in North America and the Nordic countries, and to robust service activity.

CST (2% of Group) sales, up **9.6%** like-for-like, continued to benefit from the recovery of the truck and automotive markets and globally strong industrial demand. Recovery of the aerospace segment was confirmed. Western Europe was strong and North America slowed somewhat as the region was the first to recover in 2009. CST will be consolidated within the **Industry** business from 2011 onwards.

Organic growth by geography¹ in the fourth quarter

€ million	Sales Full Year 2010	% change Full Year (organic)	Sales Q4 2010	% change Q4 (organic)
Western Europe	6,568	+6%	1,893	+12%
Asia-Pacific	4,792	+22%	1,369	+21%
North America	4,704	+5%	1,223	+7%
Rest of the World ²	3,516	+7%	1,078	+9%
Total	19,580	+9.3%	5,563	+12.1%

Western Europe (34% of Q4 sales) recorded solid growth, up **12%** year-on-year. France further accelerated in the quarter. Germany and Italy stayed strong, benefiting from the sustained OEMs demand and also from solar farm project wins in Italy. Spain and the Nordic countries were back to single digit growth, on still easy comparison.

Asia Pacific (25% of Q4 sales), now the second largest region of the Group, was up **21%** again in this quarter, despite tougher year-on-year comparison. Momentum was robust across the whole region with China, India and the Pacific leading the progression.

North America (22% of Q4 sales), up **7%** year-on-year, was in steady recovery, aided by the strong IT and Industry businesses as well as a stabilising construction-related activity. The solid performance of Mexico and Canada also contributed to the growth of the quarter.

¹ Starting from 2010, the geographical reporting is based on sales by destination as opposed to sales by country of invoicing. This explains why some reporting differences can exist compared to 2009 financial reports.

² Note that compared to 2009 reporting, the Rest of the World region includes Eastern Europe, in addition to Middle East, Africa and South America, consistently with Schneider Electric's new organization.

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Rest of the World (19% of sales) grew **9%** year-on-year. The trends continued to be very positive in Eastern Europe and Latin America, offsetting weaker Africa and the Gulf region in the Middle East.

Sales of new economies were up **15%** like-for-like in the fourth quarter and represented **37%** of reported full year sales in 2010, including Areva Distribution.

Including Areva Distribution on a full year basis, total Group sales exceeded the **€20 billion** for the first time (€20,228 million). The Group saw a progressive shift in weight of the four regions in the past few years. Its footprint is today global and well balanced across regions.

Consolidation impact - Integration of Areva Distribution

Acquisitions contributed +15.9% or €648 million in the quarter, of which €601 million was related to the integration of the Areva Distribution business. The rest of the contribution impact includes mainly SCADAGroup and Cimac in Industry and smaller units in Buildings.

Foreign exchange impacts

Foreign exchange fluctuations added €297 million, primarily the result of the appreciation of most currencies against the Euro, notably US dollar, the Chinese yuan, the Australian dollar, and the Japanese Yen.

II. FULL YEAR 2010 RESULTS

€ million	Full Year 2009 reported	Full Year 2010 excl. Areva Distribution	Full Year 2010 reported	% Change vs. reported
EBITA before restructuring cost and Areva Distribution integration costs	2,018	2,967	3,052	+51%
<i>% of sales</i>	12.8%	16.2%	15.6%	
<i>Improvement vs. 2009</i>		+3.4pts	+2.8pts	
Areva Distribution integration costs			(25)	
Restructuring costs	(313)		(96)	
One-off pension gain	92			
EBITA	1,797		2,931	+63%
Attributable net profit	824		1,720	+109%
Earnings per share (€)	3.32		6.59	+99%
Free cash flow	1,971		1,734	-12%

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▪ RECORD HIGH EBITA, MARGIN REACHED 16.2% BEFORE RESTRUCTURING COSTS AND CONSOLIDATION IMPACT OF AREVA DISTRIBUTION

EBITA before restructuring costs and consolidation impact of Areva Distribution reached **€2,967 million**, or **16.2%** of sales, up **3.4 points**. The strong improvement in profitability was the result of solid sales rebound and continuous drive for cost efficiency in line with the strategic roadmap set under the One program.

Reported EBITA before restructuring costs and non-recurring integration costs of Areva Distribution reached a record high of **€3,052 million**, or **15.6%** of sales.

The key drivers contributing to the improvement were the following:

- The strong rebound in volume added **€630 million** to profitability.
- Productivity and structural adaptation drove cost down by **€580 million**. Volume effects, discipline on fixed manufacturing costs, as well as high purchasing efficiency lifted industrial productivity to an impressive level of **€505 million** savings. Support function costs were reduced by **€75 million** (before inflation). Continuous cost-cutting in mature markets offset investment in new economies and new market opportunities. Cumulative cost savings exceeded **€1.2 billion** since the launch of the One program in 2009.
- Currency impact continued to be positive, adding **€192 million** to the profit, made up primarily of translation impact, but also partly of transaction impact related to the appreciation of the Australian dollar, the Canadian dollar, and the Brazilian real against the Euro.

The benefits of the above items were somewhat offset by the following key factors:

- Mix impact was **-€34 million**, substantially better than same period last year.
- Pricing impact was slightly negative at **-€41 million**, in line with expectations.
- Raw material headwind, which was significantly higher in the second half of the year, reduced full year profit by **€184 million**. Production labor inflation was **€52 million**, a consequence of the strong rebound in activity. Support function cost inflation amounted to **€136 million**, with the majority of the increase in new economies.

Lastly, acquisitions net of divestments added **€100 million** to the profit. Of this total, Areva Distribution contributed **€85 million**.

A non-recurring charge of **€25 million** related to the Areva Distribution acquisition was included in the EBITA before restructuring costs of €3,027 million, but was restated in the operating figures mentioned here for better comparability.

Reported EBITA reached **€2,931 million**, or **15.0%** of sales. Including the performance of Areva Distribution on a full year basis, EBITA was **€2,940 million**, or **14.5%** of sales.

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By business, the margin of Power improved by 2.7 point over last year, at **20.1%** of sales. Profitability of Industry jumped 8.9 points and reached **18.8%** of sales. IT continued its margin progression, up 0.9 points, at **16.9%** of sales. CST posted the best margin improvement, up 10.8 points, at **16.4%** of sales thanks to volume rebound and continuous restructuring effort. Profitability of Building was flat compared to last year, at **10.3%** of sales.

Certain functions reported at the businesses level in 2009 are now part of the Group global shared services and were consequently booked as corporate costs, in line with the new organization put in place under the One company program. Therefore, the total corporate costs in 2010 amounted to **€438 million** or 2.2% of sales (excluding the non-recurring charge on Areva Distribution), similar to 2009 level.

▪ NET PROFIT WAS ABOVE 2008 LEVEL, EARNINGS PER SHARE AT 6.59 EUROS

The net profit reached **€1,720 million**, up **109%** year-on-year. It includes the amortization and depreciation of intangibles for **€228 million**, out of which **€43 million** were related to Areva Distribution and **€56 million** to the amortization of certain brands following the brand migration policy.

Financial expenses amounted to **€347 million**, including the interest component of defined benefit plan costs (for €49 million), a positive currency impact of €25million and a one-off charge of €36 million related to the partial buy-back of the bond maturing in July 2013.

Income tax amounted to **€566 million** corresponding to an effective tax rate of 24.0%.

▪ STRONG OPERATING CASH FLOW, UP 44%, FREE CASH FLOW AT €1.7 BILLION DESPITE PRESSURE ON WORKING CAPITAL RESULTING FROM HIGHER SALES

Operating cash flow was strong and reached **€2,468 million**, up 44% year-on-year.

Sales rebound led to an increase in working capital consumption of **€206 million**, but **free cash flow** stayed strong and reached **€1,734 million**, or **8.9%** of sales. Cash conversion was at **101%**.

Net investment was **€528 million**, down €48 million compared to prior year.

▪ SOLID BALANCE SHEET POST AREVA DISTRIBUTION ACQUISITION, NET DEBT TO EBITDA RATIO REDUCED TO 0.8x

Schneider Electric's net debt amounted to **€2,736 million** (€2,812 million in December 2009) after the payment of the Areva Distribution acquisition. EBITDA was at record high of **€3,481 million**. The net debt-to-equity ratio was low at **18%** as of December 31, 2010. The Group's net debt to EBITDA ratio was solid at **0.8x**.

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III. PROPOSED DIVIDEND OF 3.20 EUROS

At the Annual Meeting on April 21, 2011, shareholders will be asked to approve a **dividend of €3.20** per share, to be detached and paid on May 4, 2011. The proposed dividend will be paid fully in cash this year.

The dividend represents a payout of **50%** of the 2010 net profit, in line with the policy started with the new² company program in 2005.

IV. A STRONG START OF AREVA DISTRIBUTION, EXCEEDING EXPECTATIONS

Areva Distribution was consolidated in the second half 2010 for the period from June to December. It generated sales of **€1,230 million** and EBITA of **€85 million**, or **6.9%** of sales, exceeding the €1.1 billion sales and 5% margin targets set at the beginning of its integration. The transaction was EPS accretive in 2010.

The integration and separation costs amounted to **€25 million** for the full year. Additional integration and separation costs of about **€25 million** are expected for 2011.

On a full year basis, Areva Distribution generated sales of **€1,878 million**, overall stable compared to 2009, reflecting lower spending of electrical utilities, notably in the mature countries. EBITA reached **€94 million**, or **5.0%** of sales, corresponding to a typical trough margin for this unit.

The 2010 sales figure includes approximately **€75 million** of non-core zero-profit business that will be discontinued.

Pursuant to the acquisition, a mandatory offer was launched by Alstom and Schneider to acquire an additional 20% share of the listed subsidiary of Areva T&D in India. The offer was completed on December 3, 2010. Post the tender offer, Schneider Electric and Alstom hold 73.4% of the share capital of Areva T&D India Ltd.

Areva Distribution has now been merged with the Group's medium voltage activity and will be reported under the **"Energy" business** from 2011 onwards. The combination is expected to generate synergies of **€120 million** at the EBITA level by 2014.

V. UPDATE ON AVAILABLE CREDIT LINES

The Group finalized on February 16 the implementation of a new credit line of **€1.1 billion** with 5-year maturity from a pool of banks. This line replaces part of the lines that were maturing in 2012. Schneider Electric now has credit lines of €2.6 billion, all undrawn, including €2 billion with maturity beyond 3 years.

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VI. COMPANY GOVERNANCE

The supervisory board has decided to propose the nomination of Mrs. Betsy Atkins and Mr. Jeong H. Kim as members of the supervisory board at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Mrs. Atkins, who is 56 years old and of American nationality, is a Company Administrator. Mr. Kim, 49 years old and who is Americano-Korean, is President of Bell Laboratories (Alcatel-Lucent).

At the Annual General Meeting, the following proposals will also be made:

- Appointment, as a member of the supervisory board, of Mrs. Dominique Sénéquier, who was appointed censor by the board last June.
- Ratification of Mr. Anand Mahindra's cooptation.

These four new members are independent in the sense of the AFEP/MEDEF report.

Furthermore, on request from the supervisory board, it will also be proposed at the Annual General Meeting that the statutory age limit of 74 be suppressed for board members and that, as from the age of 70, they will henceforth be appointed for renewable periods of office of 2 years only.

VII. 2011 OUTLOOK

Schneider Electric expects the overall conditions of its end-markets to improve in 2011. Momentum of shorter cycle Industry and IT businesses is expected to stay solid, but will face more demanding year-on-year comparison. Power should continue to see progressive improvement. On the longer-cycle businesses, Energy is expected to grow in 2011 aided by gradually improving utility end-market while energy efficiency and better trends in mature markets should be a support to the Buildings business.

The Group will continue to drive strong industrial productivity which is expected to deliver about €400 million of savings. It will also invest for growth in areas related to energy efficiency, the smart grid and in new economies, but at the same time keep support function costs increase at a rate below the organic sales growth. The Group expects raw material input cost headwind of about €250 million, to be partly offset by price increases of ~1% in 2011.

Consequently, Schneider Electric targets for 2011 a solid organic sales growth of 6% to 9% and an EBITA margin of 15.0% to 15.5% of sales, a raise from the 14.5% level in 2010 on pro-forma basis.

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The financial statements of the year ending December 31, 2010 were established by Management Board on February 14, 2011, reviewed by the Supervisory Board of Schneider Electric and certified by the Group auditors on February 16, 2011.

The full year 2010 consolidated financial statements and the result presentation are available at www.schneider-electric.com

First-quarter 2011 sales will be released on April 20, 2011.

About Schneider Electric

As a global specialist in energy management with operations in more than 100 countries, Schneider Electric offers integrated solutions across multiple market segments, including leadership positions in energy and infrastructure, industrial processes, building automation, and data centres/networks, as well as a broad presence in residential applications. Focused on making energy safe, reliable, and efficient, the company's 110,000 plus employees achieved sales of 19.6 billion euros in 2010, through an active commitment to help individuals and organizations "Make the most of their energy."

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Appendix – Sales breakdown by business

Fourth-quarter 2010 sales by business were as follows:

€ million	Sales Q4 2010	% change Q4 (organic)	Changes in scope of consolidation	Currency effect	% change Q4 (current)
Power	2,795	+10.8%	+0.1%	+7.8%	+18.7%
Areva Distribution	601				
Industry	931	+20.6%	+5.2%	+8.2%	+34.0%
IT	734	+9.6%	-0.0%	+9.0%	+18.6%
Buildings	385	+9.1%	+2.4%	+8.7%	+20.2%
CST	117	+9.6%	+0.0%	+6.6%	+16.2%
Total	5,563	+12.1%	+15.9%	+8.1%	+36.1%

Full year 2010 sales by business were as follows:

€ million	Sales Full-year 2010	% change Full-year (organic)	Changes in scope of consolidation	Currency effect	% change Full-year (current)
Power	10,318	+5.7%	+0.1%	+5.9%	+11.7%
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Industry	3,551	+23.6%	+3.3%	+6.4%	+33.3%
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Appendix – Breakdown by geography

Fourth-quarter 2010 sales by geographical region were as follows:

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Western Europe	1,893	+12%	+33%
Asia-Pacific	1,369	+21%	+55%
North America	1,223	+7%	+21%
Rest of the World	1,078	+9%	+39%
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Appendix - Results breakdown by division

€ million	Sales	EBITA ¹ before restructuring and one-off items ²	Margin in % of sales	EBITA ¹	Margin in % of sales
FY 2010					
Power	10,318	2,074	20.1%	2,032	19.7%
Areva Distribution	1,230	85	6.9%	85	6.9%
Industry	3,551	668	18.8%	634	17.9%
IT	2,646	448	16.9%	443	16.7%
Buildings	1,402	144	10.3%	135	9.6%
CST	433	71	16.4%	64	14.8%
Holding	-	(438)	-	(437)	-
Total	19,580	3,052	15.6%	2,956	15.1%
FY 2009					
Power	9,233	1,602	17.4%	1,535	16.6%
Industry	2,665	264	9.9%	198	7.4%
IT	2,270	363	16.0%	334	14.7%
Buildings	1,268	132	10.4%	121	9.5%
CST	357	20	5.6%	(4)	(1.1%)
Holding	-	(363)	-	(387)	-
Total	15,793	2,018	12.8%	1,797	11.4%

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² *Excluding Areva Distribution integration charges of €25 million in 2010 booked in Holding
Excluding a one-off profit from pension curtailment of €92 million in 2009 (€81 million in Power, €11million in Industry)*

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