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Schneider Electric Receives the Solar Impulse Efficient Solution Label Award for Profitable Environmental Protection

- EcoStruxure Microgrid Advisor and NEO Network solutions receive recognition from Solar Impulse Foundation; join growing Schneider Electric portfolio
- Label certifies products, services, or processes with high standards for economic profitability and ecologic sustainability
- The program identifies and accelerates solutions in alignment with UN Sustainable Development Goals

Rueil-Malmaison (France), June 9, 2020 Schneider Electric today announced that it has been awarded the Solar Impulse Efficient Solution label for its EcoStruxure™ Microgrid Advisor and NEO Network™ solutions from the Solar Impulse Foundation. These solutions received the recognition following an assessment performed by external independent experts and based on verified standards for economic profitability and ecologic sustainability.

A leader in digital, energy, and sustainability, Schneider Electric is committed to accomplishing the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals by addressing sustainability megatrends through its core business and solutions and has itself committed to achieving carbon neutrality across its extended supply chain by 2030. EcoStruxure Microgrid Advisor and NEO Network are two of the digital solutions in the Schneider Electric portfolio helping to advance these aims.

The Solar Impulse Efficient Solution Label certifies that a product, service or process contributes to a circular economy, capable of economically and ecologically creating jobs and reducing emissions in one of six areas: water, energy, construction, mobility, industry, and agriculture. All labelled solutions join the Foundation's 1000 Solutions program, which aims to encourage the adoption of more ambitious environmental targets and fast-track the implementation of these solutions on a large scale.

"The need to respond to environmental crises like climate change is urgent. Businesses are actively seeking the tools and solutions to advance their decarbonization and economic efforts," said Steve Wilhite, Senior Vice President, Schneider Electric. "The work of the Solar Impulse Foundation and its 1000 Solutions program is critical to help identify and accelerate clean, economically-feasible innovations. We are pleased that both EcoStruxure Microgrid Advisor and NEO Network have been awarded the Efficient Solution Label and recognized as market-leading."

EcoStruxure Microgrid Advisor is a cloud-based, demand-side energy management platform that allows users to collect, forecast, and optimize the operation of distributed energy resources, giving users control over how and when to consume, produce, and store energy. It enables the microgrid to become more sustainable, more reliable, and more cost-effective. NEO Network is a community of organizations advancing reliable, and cost-effective renewable energy and cleantech solutions around the world. The platform simplifies the cleantech buying process by connecting members to trusted experts, viable projects and technologies, and exclusive market intelligence to enable and accelerate transaction decisions. To date, more than 280 corporations have joined NEO Network globally.

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To receive the Solar Impulse Efficient Solution Label, EcoStruxure Microgrid Advisor and NEO Network were thoroughly assessed by a pool of independent experts to measure the quality, performance, and ethical standards of each solution. This assessment was based on five criteria covering three main topics of Feasibility, Environmental, and Profitability. The 1000 Solutions portfolio will be presented to decision-makers in business and government who seek to reach carbon neutrality by Bertrand Piccard, Chairman of the Solar Impulse Foundation, following the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

“I am convinced that implementing clean and efficient technologies has become today the only way to fulfill economic growth,” said Piccard. “Digital innovation plays a crucial role to enable a profitable energy transition. With their ambitious sustainable commitments, Schneider Electric is showing the way. Their technological solutions, labelled by the Solar Impulse Foundation as credible, profitable, and ecological, are a proof of it.”

EcoStruxure Microgrid Advisor and NEO Network join a growing portfolio of Schneider Electric labelled solutions, including Villaya containerized microgrids, Homaya pay-as-you-go off-grid solar solution, and EVLink load management system for smart EV management. The Foundation also previously announced that Schneider Electric CEO Jean-Pascal Tricoire is a co-signatory to a commitment for sustainable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, calling on governments and leaders to rebuild from a crisis using an equitable and environmentally responsible economic model.

About the Solar Impulse Foundation

The Solar Impulse Foundation is a not-for-profit organization, based in Lausanne, Switzerland, with an office in Arlington, VA, USA. The foundation was started by Bertrand Piccard, who serves as chairman, after completion of his round-the-world flight in the solar-powered plane called Solar Impulse. The flight proved that innovation and technology exist now as the logical choice for an economy that creates jobs, modernizes infrastructure and encourages business to support a future that protects our environment. Learn more at www.solarimpulse.com.

About Schneider Electric

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We provide **energy and automation digital** solutions for **efficiency and sustainability**. We combine world-leading energy technologies, real-time automation, software and services into integrated solutions for Homes, Buildings, Data Centers, Infrastructure and Industries.

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