

Schneider Electric announces the signature of a worldwide contract with Eplan to roll-out its E-CAD solution

Rueil-Malmaison (France), April 16, 2015 – Schneider Electric, the global specialist in energy management and automation, today announced Eplan becomes its major E-CAD solutions provider to design the products of its Energy division on a global scale.

Eplan Platform enables Schneider Electric to optimize its complete workflow from design to production. The solution helps to structure and to centralize the components database and facilitate knowledge management. All the know-how is embedded, up-to-date and available for each entity. With Eplan Platform, Schneider Electric targets to significantly increase productivity by standardizing all the components and reusing them.

"For a long time, each entity of Schneider Electric's Energy Division across the world has worked with its own tools and implemented specific design processes, explains M. Frédéric Abbal, Executive Vice-President, Energy division at Schneider Electric. "However, these working methods could no longer exist in our organization, in a period where we seek, more than ever, collaboration and efficiency. With the implementation of Eplan Platform, Schneider Electric expects to centralize its know-how, enhance collaboration between sites and balance workload according to the different projects."

Haluk Menderes, Managing Director Eplan, adds: *"We are very excited to have been chosen by Schneider Electric globally as the single platform for electrical engineering solutions. We are very happy to start this strong strategic partnership with Schneider Electric. The combination of our 30 years of experience in engineering solutions and the know-how of one of the worldwide largest player in the energy domain will bring the best in class processes to a greater electrical engineering and manufacturing efficiency to Schneider Electric."*

During a 3-month pilot phase, Eplan Platform has been implemented in 3 sites: Chartres-de-Bretagne (France), Regensburg (Germany) and Manisa (Turkey). This successful first phase allowed teams to align goals and expectations and led to the signature of a global contract to roll-out Eplan Platform in all entities of the Energy division. Eplan's leadership and its ability to support entities globally were determining factors in this choice.

About Schneider Electric

As a global specialist in energy management and automation with operations in more than 100 countries, Schneider Electric offers integrated solutions across multiple market segments, including leadership positions in Non-residential & Residential Buildings, Industries & Machines Manufacturers, Utilities & Infrastructure and Data Centers & Networks. Focused on making energy safe, reliable, efficient, productive and green, the Group's 170,000 employees achieved revenues of 25 billion euros in 2014, through an active commitment to help individuals and organizations make the most of their energy.

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About EPLAN Software & Service

EPLAN Software & Service develops CAE solutions and advises companies in the optimisation of their engineering processes. Customers profit from increased efficiency in the product development process through standardised procedures, automated sequences and consistent workflows. EPLAN provides custom-made concepts for the system implementation, installation and smooth integration into the IT / PLM system landscape – based on standard engineering solutions. The service portfolio also covers customising, consulting and training. The development of individual and standardised interfaces for ERP, PDM and PLM ensures data consistency in product development. Factors for success include a consistent customer focus, global support and innovative development and interface expertise. EPLAN is part of the Friedhelm Loh Group, which has over 11,500 employees worldwide and a sales volume of €2.2 billion in 2013.

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