
Press Release

Schneider Electric Significantly Reduces CO₂ Emissions at Site of 2009 Climate Change Conference (COP15)

Bella Center Leads by Example, Cutting CO₂ Emissions by 20 percent, or 1,150 tons per year

Copenhagen, (Denmark), November 16, 2009 – [Schneider Electric](#) today announced that it has helped Bella Center A/S, Scandinavia's largest exhibition and congress center, to reach its ambitious goal of reducing CO₂ emissions by 20 percent. With this achievement, made possible mainly through Schneider Electric's energy management and security solution, the Center sends out an important message to the participants of the UN Climate Change Conference – building emissions can and must be reduced as they are the number one culprit of CO₂ emissions. The Climate Change Conference will take place at the Bella Center in Copenhagen, Denmark on December 7-18.

During COP15 in Copenhagen, leaders from across the world will discuss climate strategies inside a building which, through the implementation of smart measures, saves the environment 1,150 tons of CO₂ emission per year. That corresponds to driving about seven million kilometres in a private car. Schneider Electric helped optimise control of the building's energy consumption and modernised the ventilation and cooling systems, circulation pumps and thousands of light fittings. Not only did these measures help to meet the ambitious energy savings target of the 122,000 m² building, it also saved more than DKK 2 million (270 K€) per year.

"As the site of the Climate Change Conference, we found it natural that the Bella Center demonstrates the will and capability to cut CO₂ emissions," said Kristian Ortving, Technical Director, Bella Center A/S. "The project gives us a reasonable CO₂ reduction and will thus set a good example and inspire many of the conference's participants."

Buildings are often not recognised by the general public as a critical factor of global CO₂ emissions. In fact, buildings are the number one source of man-made CO₂ emission causing climate change globally. According to the US Green Building Council, emissions will increase faster from buildings than those from any other source over the next 25 years. Governments around the world are increasing stringent energy regulations, which are a call to action for building owners.

"Energy management for buildings is a crucial factor to succeed at realising a substantial reduction of CO₂ emissions," said Jens Wikstedt, president, Schneider Electric's Buildings Business EMEA.

"Through smart solutions, building owners can significantly cut energy consumption and at the same time gain the added benefit of significant cost savings. Since buildings are the leading source of CO₂ emissions, we hope that the impact they have on our climate will be an important topic of discussion during COP15."

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To really be part of the Climate Change Conference and make your voice heard, please visit www.activebe.com. [ActiveBE](#) is your chance to be part of a grass roots effort to influence the decisions our global leaders will make to help save our planet. Join the global community of [ActiveBE](#) today. Upload a "[My Green Pledge](#)" short video about the environment to the world leaders and participants of COP 15.

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About Bella Center A/S

Bella Center A/S is Scandinavia's largest exhibition and congress center with facilities capable of hosting any type of event, including fairs, exhibitions, meetings of all sizes, international conferences, upscale functions, etc. The Bella Center covers a total of 122,000 m².

www.bellacenter.dk

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 centers/networks, as well as a broad presence in residential applications. Focused on making energy safe, reliable, and efficient, the company's 114,000 employees achieved sales of more than 18.3 billion euros in 2008, through an active commitment to help individuals and organisations "Make the most of their energy™".

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