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HD SUPPLY UTILITIES AND N-DIMENSION SOLUTIONS DELIVER MANAGED CYBER SECURITY SERVICE FOR SOUTHERN ONTARIO ELECTRIC UTILITY

Cyber security solution addresses smart grid vulnerabilities

WELLAND, ONTARIO – July 6, 2010 – HD Supply Utilities, Canada, the leading electric utilities distributor serving provincial, municipal, investor-owned and contractor utility companies in Canada, and N-Dimension Solutions Inc., a leading provider of cyber security solutions for the smart grid, today announced they have commissioned a new managed cyber security service for Welland Hydro-Electric Systems Corporation. Welland Hydro is the first electricity distributor in Canada to partner with HD Supply and N-Dimension for the managed cyber security solution.

“We are delighted to expand our relationship with Welland Hydro to include cyber security. Through the N-Dimension cyber security solution, we can enable Welland Hydro to proactively secure its grid assets through an easily managed service,” said Gary Walker, vice president, Canada, HD Supply Utilities. “HD Supply Utilities partners with N-Dimension Solutions to provide utilities with comprehensive cyber security protection for their critical assets as they deploy smart grid infrastructure.”

Welland Hydro is responsible for the safe delivery of electricity to homes and businesses in the City of Welland (Ontario) and the maintenance of the local electricity distribution system. The utility provider has a long history of serving its community. The managed cyber security service will help ensure that additional security protection is provided for Welland Hydro’s IT infrastructure for increased system reliability.

“It is essential that cyber security and privacy of customer’s information are factored into the deployment of our smart grid. We selected HD Supply Utilities and N-Dimension based on their long standing background in the electric sector and because their innovative smart grid cyber security service meets our requirements,” stated Ross Peever, CEO, Welland Hydro.

“We are thrilled to have Welland Hydro as our first Canadian distribution company to utilize this new service,” says Peter Vickery, executive vice president, N-Dimension. “There are many efficiencies gained through the implementation of smart grid technology, but cyber security protection is mandatory. Our managed cyber security service with HD Supply Utilities provides this level of protection with high ease of use for the utility.”

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About HD Supply Utilities

HD Supply Utilities (www.hdsupply.com/utilities), including its Canadian operations, is North America's largest electric utilities distributor. It is a business of HD Supply (www.hdsupply.com), a leading wholesale distribution company, providing a broad range of products and services to professional customers in the infrastructure & energy, maintenance, repair & improvement and specialty construction markets. With a diverse portfolio of marketleading businesses, HD Supply is one of the largest diversified wholesale distributors in North America, with approximately 800 locations.

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About N-Dimension Solutions Inc.

N-Dimension Solutions Inc. is the leading provider of Smart Grid cyber security solutions for the power and energy sector. Guided by best practices for cyber security, N-Dimension Solutions provides comprehensive products and services that protect utility Smart Grid deployments and operational networks. Learn more at www.n-dimension.com.

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