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Congressman Roskam Tours SEL Manufacturing in Lake Zurich, Illinois

PULLMAN, WA — September 27, 2013 — Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc. (SEL) today announced that on September 25, 2013, Congressman Peter Roskam (R-IL) visited the company's Fault Indicator and Sensor Division (FISD) in Lake Zurich, Illinois.

While at SEL, Congressman Roskam toured the manufacturing facility and learned more about SEL and the products and services it provides for power systems around the world. The congressman spoke with employees about tax reform and the company's employee stock ownership plan (ESOP). The group also discussed manufacturing in America and the importance of immigration reform.

Congressman Roskam noted that "ESOPs are a huge success," identifying retirement saving as a key element. "Companies thrive on predictability," he said.

Dan Clifford, general manager of FISD, agreed, noting that "certainty for business is huge" and the lack of it over the past few years has been troubling.

SEL's FISD was founded in 1950 as E.O. Schweitzer Manufacturing Company, Inc., and was acquired by SEL in 2005. Today, the division has 104 employee owners. FISD specializes in manufacturing high-quality fault indicators, voltage indicators and sensors, and split-core current transformers, which are all vital to maintaining power systems and keeping the lights on. SEL Lake Zurich includes 42,000 square feet of floor space that houses manufacturing, sales and marketing, and research and development teams.

Headquartered in Pullman, Washington, SEL is a 100 percent employee-owned U.S.-based manufacturer that serves the power industry worldwide through the design, manufacture, supply, and support of products and services for power system protection, monitoring, control, automation, and metering. SEL offers unmatched local technical support, a worldwide, ten-year product warranty, and a commitment to making electric power safer, more reliable, and more economical.

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