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SEL Celebrates 30th Anniversary With Announcement of Expanded Services for Employee Owners

PULLMAN, WA — April 25, 2014 — Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc. (SEL) today kicked off the celebration of the company's 30-year anniversary by highlighting the key innovations that have spurred the company's growth, beginning with the invention of the digital protective relay in the basement of its founder and president, Dr. Edmund O. Schweitzer, III.

"You never know where the ideas are going to come from," Schweitzer told the packed house at the company's Friday Lunch business meeting. "We talk a lot about innovation, but the biggest single indicator of success is grit, meaning sticking to it, hard work, doing things like asking why five times, getting to the root of every problem, and never ever giving up. We're just getting started. It's energizing to be a part of something as important as the electric power industry."

During the celebration, prep work for the construction of the new SEL Family Center was announced. The 28,000-square-foot building is expected to be completed in early 2015 and will house the Little Edisons School, a child-care facility dedicated to SEL employee-owner use. The Little Edisons School will have extended hours to accommodate the schedules of both day- and swing-shift employees.

The SEL Life Quality Wellness and Healthcare Centers will relocate to the new building and will now be open to immediate family members of SEL employees.

SEL's Life Quality Center offers wellness programs, a workout facility, and nutrition and fitness experts to assist employees in reaching their health and fitness goals. The move will allow the center to increase services, including shower facilities.

The SEL Healthcare Center, which opened in 2013, is an onsite clinic providing basic healthcare. The clinic is currently located in a small office in the manufacturing building. The move will allow the clinic to extend its hours, add multiple patient rooms and dedicated lab space, and provide additional medical personnel.

"We have seen a steady increase of use," said Gina Hjorth, SEL healthcare manager and advanced nurse practitioner. "The expansion will give us more space, more providers, more services, and the ability to provide better care for more patients."

In April 1984, Dr. Ed Schweitzer sold the very first SEL relays to the Otter Tail Power Company in Fergus Falls, Minnesota. From that first sale, the company has grown to a global company with four manufacturing facilities, 103 offices around the world, and more than 3,600 employees worldwide. The company currently has products in 144 countries.

SEL is an employee-owned company serving the power industry worldwide for more than 30 years 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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