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## Arkema successfully completes a € 250 million bond issue Publication of a prospectus in view of the listing of bonds

On October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012, Arkema successfully completed the issue of an additional €250 million tranche to its original bond due April 30<sup>th</sup> 2020, increasing its size to an aggregate amount of €480 million.

This new tranche, which has an annual yield slightly below 3%, enables Arkema to further benefit from current favourable market conditions. This transaction is fully in line with Arkema long-term financing policy of diversifying its financing resources and extending their maturity.

This issue has been jointly held by Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank, Lloyds Bank and Société Générale Corporate and Investment Banking.

Arkema current financing resources also include a €700 million syndicated line of credit with a July 2016 maturity and a € 500 million bond with an October 2017 maturity.

Arkema is rated BBB with stable outlook by Standard & Poor's, and Baa3 with positive outlook by Moody's.

In view of the listing of the bonds on the Euronext Paris market place, Arkema has filed a prospectus which received visa n° 12-478 from the French capital market authority *Autorité des marchés financiers* dated 5<sup>th</sup> October 2012. Such prospectus is available in English version on Arkema Group's website under the heading "Investor Relations" (<http://www.arkema.com>) and on the website of the *Autorité des marchés financiers* (<http://www.amf-france.org>). Copies of the prospectus may be obtained free of charge at Société Générale, 32, rue du Champ de Tir, 44312 Nantes Cedex 3, France and at Arkema's registered office (420, rue d'Estienne d'Orves – 92700 Colombes).

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