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Eurofins announces the issuance of ca. 500,000 new shares via an accelerated book building offering to institutional investors in conjunction with strong M&A activity year-to-date to retain strategic flexibility beyond its EUR 4bn annual revenue objective

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Eurofins Scientific SE (EUFI.PA), the global leader in bio-analytical testing, announces the launch of a placement of approximately 500,000 new ordinary shares by way of an accelerated book building offering to institutional investors (the "Placement"). The new ordinary shares would represent circa 2.9% of the existing issued share capital.

As disclosed on October 24, 2017, Eurofins has signed and/or closed over 40* acquisitions since the beginning of the year, for a total annualized revenue of about EUR 600m*.

The Group's cash on hand which was of EUR 575m at June end, increased to slightly above EUR 700m at September end following the successful issuance of a EUR 650m senior bond issuance in July and disbursements slightly over EUR 500m since then (dividends for EUR 34m, earn-outs for EUR 110m, acquisitions for about EUR 370m, including Amatsi, DiscoverX, Genoma, Hygel and GATC).

Payments for acquisitions already signed but not yet closed at the end of September (including USD 780m for EAG), will amount to about EUR 800m before year-end. In order to strengthen its balance sheet and retain its ability to respond swiftly to attractive M&A opportunities above and beyond those contemplated as part of its EUR 4bn revenue objective for 2019, Eurofins is therefore announcing that it intends to issue approximately 500,000 new shares via an accelerated book building offering for institutional investors, which might be followed by the issuance of a hybrid bond of benchmark size that would be structured for equity qualification by rating agencies should the company opt for a rating in the next 3 years.

The purpose of these transactions is to enable the Company to maintain a sound capital structure further to the acceleration of its M&A program year-to-date, with an objective to generate significant shareholder value to create a higher EPS than the dilution impact of the new issuance. Further to the successful equity issuance of September 2016, this Placement will give qualified institutional investors an opportunity to participate in the offering and in Eurofins' future development, and should increase the share liquidity.

Books will open immediately and Eurofins reserves the right to close the books at any time. The settlement-delivery and the admission of the new shares on Euronext Paris (on the same line as Eurofins' existing shares traded under the ISIN code FR0000038259) should occur on November 2, 2017.

The Company has agreed a lock-up undertaking for a period of 90 calendar days subject to certain exceptions. Should there be any issue, offer, sale or transfer of shares within these 90 days in connection with an M&A transaction or a strategic or commercial partnership, the lock-up will be transferred to any third party who would receive Eurofins shares under such circumstances.

There will be no prospectus related to the admission of these new shares to trading. This press release does not constitute a subscription offer, and the Placement does not constitute a public offering in any country.

*including EAG (closing of which being still pending fulfilment of customary conditions precedent).

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Eurofins – a global leader in bio-analysis

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Eurofins is committed to pursuing its dynamic growth strategy by expanding both its technology portfolio and its geographic reach. Through R&D and acquisitions, the Group draws on the latest developments in the field of biotechnology and analytical chemistry to offer its clients unique analytical solutions and the most comprehensive range of testing methods.

As one of the most innovative and quality oriented international players in its industry, Eurofins is ideally positioned to support its clients' increasingly stringent quality and safety standards and the expanding demands of regulatory authorities around the world.

The shares of Eurofins Scientific are listed on the Euronext Paris Stock Exchange (ISIN FR0000038259, Reuters EUFI.PA, Bloomberg ERF FP).

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