

## REXEL STRENGTHENS ITS PRESENCE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM THROUGH THE ACQUISITION OF THE ASSETS OF WILTS WHOLESALE ELECTRICAL

Rexel, a global leader in the distribution of electrical supplies, announces the acquisition of 59 branches of Wilts Wholesale Electrical, one of the largest independent distributors of electrical supplies operating in England and Wales.

This acquisition complements Rexel's position in United Kingdom and is consistent with Rexel's strategic aim of strengthening its market share in key mature markets.

This acquisition will be consolidated as from March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 and should generate sales of close to €60 million on an annualized basis.

### Wilts Wholesale Electrical

Founded in 1925 and based in Trowbridge (Wiltshire), Wilts Wholesale Electrical operates through 59 branches located in England and 3 located in Wales. The family-owned company is one of the largest independent distributors of electrical supplies in the United Kingdom.

### Rexel in the United Kingdom

Rexel is the largest electrical distributor in the United Kingdom. Operating from over 380 branches located across England, Wales and Scotland, Rexel's activity in the United Kingdom in 2011 contributed over €950 million to the Group's consolidated revenues and posted strong organic growth (+8.1%).

Rexel, a global leader in the distribution of electrical supplies, serves three main end markets: industrial, commercial and residential. The Group operates in 37 countries, with a network of some 2,100 branches, and employs over 28,000 people. Rexel's sales were €12.7 billion in 2011. Its majority shareholders are an investor group led by Clayton, Dubilier & Rice, Eurazeo and BAML Capital Partners.

Rexel is listed on the Eurolist market of Euronext Paris (compartment A, ticker RXL, ISIN code FR0010451203). It is integrated in the following indices: SBF 120, CAC Mid 100, CAC AllTrade, CAC AllShares, FTSE EuroMid, FTSE4Good and STOXX600.

For more information, visit Rexel's web site at [www.rexel.com](http://www.rexel.com)

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