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REXEL LAUNCHES \$300 MILLION NOTE OFFERING

Rexel announced today that it intends to offer \$300 million of senior unsecured notes maturing in 2019, market conditions permitting.

This new offering will allow Rexel to further enhance its financial flexibility and extend its debt maturity profile at affordable cost. The Notes will rank pari passu with Rexel's senior credit facility, 8.25% senior notes due 2016 and 7% senior notes due 2018.

Settlement and delivery is expected to take place on or around March 27, 2012.

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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

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