

**REXEL STRENGTHENS ITS POSITION IN THE AUTOMATION AND MRO SERVICES
IN THE US THROUGH THE ACQUISITION OF BROHL & APPELL**

Rexel, a global leader in the professional distribution of products and services for the energy world, announces the acquisition of Brohl & Appell, a US specialist in industrial automation and MRO services, based in Ohio.

This acquisition strengthens Rexel's position in the US in industrial automation, which represented around 15% of total sales in the US in 2015. It complements its industrial MRO offer, while providing a springboard to profitable growth opportunities with complementary product and category expansion, in addition to new energy efficiency propositions and customer productivity tools and technology.

With about 60 employees, Brohl & Appell, founded in 1889, has built a strong partnership with Rockwell Automation. In 2015, it delivered sales of €24 million through 7 branches and posted profitability above Group average.

The transaction, subject to customary conditions, should close in late February 2016.

ABOUT REXEL GROUP

Rexel, a global leader in the professional distribution of products and services for the energy world, addresses three main markets - residential, commercial and industrial. The Group supports its customers to be at their best in running their business, by providing a broad range of sustainable and innovative products, services and solutions in the field of technical supply, automation and energy management. Rexel operates through a network of some 2,100 branches in 35 countries, with c. 28,000 employees. The Group's sales were €13.1 billion in 2014.

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