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### **REXEL LAUNCHES €600 MILLION NOTES OFFERING**

Rexel, worldwide expert in the multichannel professional distribution of products and services for the energy world, announced today that it intends to offer €600 million of senior unsecured notes due 2026 (the "Notes"). The Notes, callable at Rexel's discretion as from March 2022, will rank *pari passu* with Rexel's senior credit facility and other senior unsecured notes.

Rexel will use the proceeds of the issuance of the Notes, together with available cash, to redeem all or part of the 3.500% senior Euro notes due June 2023 issued by Rexel on May 18, 2016 (the "2023 Notes"). Rexel expects to redeem the 2023 Notes on or about March 19, 2019. Rexel can elect not to redeem the 2023 Notes if it does not issue all the Notes or if there is a material adverse change in financial markets. This issuance will allow Rexel to enhance its financial structure by extending its debt maturity profile and reducing its overall cost of financing.

The Notes will be offered exclusively to investors outside the United States and are expected to be listed on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange (Euro MTF).

Rexel expects the Notes to be rated by Moody's and Standard & Poor's. Ratings announcements are expected to be released shortly by the rating agencies.

BNP Paribas, Crédit Industriel et Commercial S.A. and ING Bank N.V., London Branch will act as Joint Global Coordinators, and as Joint Lead Bookrunners. Merrill Lynch International, HSBC Bank plc, Natixis and Société Générale will act as Joint Bookrunners for the Notes offering. Bayerische Landesbank and Commerzbank Aktiengesellschaft will act as Co-Lead Managers.

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The offer and sale of the Notes in France will be carried out through a private placement in accordance with article L.411-2 of the French Financial and Monetary Code and other applicable laws and regulations. There will be no public offering in France.

### **ABOUT REXEL GROUP**

Rexel, worldwide expert in the multichannel professional distribution of products and services for the energy world, addresses three main markets - residential, commercial and industrial. The Group supports its customers by providing a tailored and scalable range of products and services in energy management for construction, renovation, production and maintenance.

Rexel operates through a network of nearly 2,000 branches in 26 countries, with almost 27,000 employees. The Group's sales were €13.37 billion in 2018.

Rexel is listed on the Eurolist market of Euronext Paris (compartment A, ticker RXL, ISIN code FR0010451203). It is included in the following indices: SBF 120, CAC Mid 100, CAC AllTrade, CAC AllShares, FTSE EuroMid, STOXX600. Rexel is also part of the following SRI indices: FTSE4Good, STOXX<sup>®</sup> Global ESG Leaders, Ethibel Sustainability Index Excellence Europe, Euronext Vigeo Eiris Eurozone 120 and Dow Jones Sustainability Index Europe, in recognition of its performance in corporate social responsibility (CSR).



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