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**REXEL SUCCESSFULLY PLACES ITS FIRST SUSTAINABILITY-LINKED NOTES OFFERING FOR A NOMINAL AMOUNT OF €300 MILLION**

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Rexel, worldwide expert in the multichannel professional distribution of products and services for the energy world, has successfully placed €300 million of its 2.125% unsecured senior sustainability-linked notes due 2028 (the "Notes").

The delivery and settlement and the listing of the notes on the Euro MTF market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange are expected to occur on or about May 5, 2021.

The Notes, which mature on June 15, 2028, will be callable as from June 2024. They will rank *pari passu* with Rexel's senior credit facility and other senior unsecured notes. The Notes are expected to obtain the following ratings: Ba3 by Moody's (while Rexel's corporate rating is Ba2 with a stable outlook) and BB- by S&P (while Rexel's corporate rating is BB with a stable outlook).

Rexel published yesterday its first Sustainability-Linked Bond Framework (the "Framework") which covers debt instruments whose financial characteristics are linked with sustainability performance targets.

The Framework has been established in accordance with the Sustainability-Linked Bond Principles (SLBP) administered by ICMA and reviewed by Vigeo Eiris who provided a Second Party Opinion ("SPO") on 23 April 2021. Both the Framework and the SPO are available on the Company's website:

<https://www.rexel.com/en/finance/debt/#slb>

Under this Framework, Rexel selected two indicators (the "Key Performance Indicators" or "KPIs") and committed to achieve:

- a 23% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions related to the consumption of products sold, per euro of turnover (scope 3) by December 31, 2023 from a 2016 baseline ("Sustainability Performance Target 1") and
- a 23.7% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions related to energy consumption in its operations (scope 1 and 2) by December 31, 2023 from a 2016 baseline ("Sustainability Performance Target 2").

These objectives are in line with Rexel 2030 ambition to reduce the first KPI by 45% and the second KPI by 35% from a 2016 baseline.

The interest rate of the Notes shall be increased by 25 basis points to 2.375% per annum from June 15, 2024, if Rexel does not achieve these Sustainability Performance Targets.

Rexel will use the proceeds of the issuance of the Notes, together with available cash, to redeem all or part of the 2.125% senior Euro notes due June 2025 (the "2025 Notes"). Rexel expects to redeem the 2025 Notes on or about May 12, 2021. Rexel can elect not to redeem the 2025 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 at favorable financing conditions.

**Patrick BERARD, Chief Executive Officer, said:**

*“The success of this note issuance confirms investor confidence in Rexel's business model and strategy. ESG is embedded in our strategy, as we demonstrated at our recent Strategic Update presentation, and this bond issue linked to sustainability targets underscores our determination to continuously improve our performance. This operation also constitutes a further step in our efforts to strengthen our balance sheet by extending the maturity of our debt at attractive financial conditions.”*

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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, Dow Jones Sustainability Index Europe, Euronext Vigeo Europe 120, STOXX® Global ESG Environmental Leaders, 2021 Global 100 Index, S&P Global Sustainability Yearbook 2021, in recognition of its performance in terms of corporate social responsibility (CSR). Rexel is rated A- in the 2020 CDP Climate Change assessment and ranked in the 2020 CDP Supplier Engagement Leaderboard.

For more information, visit [www.rexel.com/en](http://www.rexel.com/en)

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UK MiFIR Product Governance / Professional Investors and Eligible Counterparties

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