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### Wendel continues to optimize the maturity and reduce the cost of its debt

- **Launch of an offer to repurchase bonds due in August 2017, April 2018, September 2019 and January 2021**
- **Launch of a 6.5-year bond issue of €300 million**

Wendel is today launching a tender offer to repurchase (“the Repurchase Offer”) the following four bond issues, up to a maximum tender consideration of €750 million (excluding accrued interests):

- The €700 million bond issue bearing interest at 4.375% and maturing in August 2017, the outstanding par value of which is €634.4 million;
- The €500 million bond issue bearing interest at 6.750% and maturing in April 2018, the outstanding par value of which is €500 million;
- The €600 million bond issue bearing interest at 5.875% and maturing in September 2019, the outstanding par value of which is €313.5 million;
- The €400 million bond issue bearing interest at 3.750% and maturing in January 2021, the outstanding par value of which is €400 million.

The 2017 bonds are traded on the regulated market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and the 2018, 2019 and 2021 bonds are traded on Euronext Paris.

Simultaneously, Wendel launches a 6.5-year bond issue of €300 million (“the Bond Issue”).

These two transactions will enable Wendel to optimize its debt maturities and reduce the cost of its debt. The results of the Bond Issue will be announced tonight and those of the Repurchase Offer will be announced on October 18, 2016.

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## Calendar

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12/1/2016

**2016 Investor Day** / Publication of NAV and trading update (pre-market release)

In London

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3/23/2017

**2016 full-year earnings** / Publication of NAV (pre-market release)

In Paris

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5/18/2017

**Shareholders' Meeting** / Publication of NAV and trading update (before Shareholders' Meeting)

In Paris

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9/7/2017

**H1 2017 earnings** / Publication of NAV (pre-market release)

By conference call

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11/30/2017

**2017 Investor Day** / Publication of NAV and trading update (pre-market release)

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### About Wendel

Wendel is one of Europe's leading listed investment firms. The Group invests internationally, in companies that are leaders in their field, such as Bureau Veritas, Saint-Gobain, Cromology, Stahl, IHS, Constantia Flexibles and Allied Universal. Wendel plays an active role as industry shareholder in these companies. It implements long-term development strategies, which involve boosting growth and margins of companies so as to enhance their leading market positions. Through Oranje-Nassau Développement, which brings together opportunities for investment in growth, diversification and innovation, Wendel is also a shareholder of exect in Germany, Mecatherm in France, Nippon Oil Pump in Japan, Saham Group and SGI Africa in Africa and CSP Technologies in the United States.

Wendel is listed on Eurolist by Euronext Paris.

Standard & Poor's ratings: Long-term: BBB-, stable outlook – Short-term: A-3 since July 7, 2014. Wendel is the Founding Sponsor of Centre Pompidou-Metz. In recognition of its long-term patronage of the arts, Wendel received the distinction of "Grand Mécène de la Culture" in 2012.



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