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### Bank Financing of the Acquisition of Legrand Successful Syndication of the Senior Bank Debt

Lumina Parent, a company jointly formed by WENDEL Investissement and Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. L.P. (the WENDEL Consortium), signed, at the end of July, an agreement to purchase the 98.1% of the share capital of Legrand SA held by Schneider Electric, for €3.63 billion, representing a value of €3.7 billion for 100% of the share capital. WENDEL Investissement and KKR's investments in Lumina Parent shall be equal, with WENDEL Investissement's contribution financed from its existing cash and cash equivalents.

Syndication of the senior bank debt is proceeding very favorably. The WENDEL Consortium announced today that ten banks joined the arrangers, Credit Suisse First Boston, Lehman Brothers and The Royal Bank of Scotland, and have undertaken to sub-underwrite the €2.22 billion senior credit facilities.

If the acquisition and the related transactions had taken place on June 30, 2002, and based on the financial statements of Legrand dated as of the same date, the financing of the acquisition and the related transactions (including the repayment of a portion of the existing indebtedness of Legrand) would have been comprised of: a €1.91 billion investment by the WENDEL Consortium, a €150 million vendor loan granted by Schneider Electric, €530 million of existing indebtedness of Legrand (consisting of the Yankee Bonds and the subordinated securities -TSDIs), that will remain outstanding after the acquisition and the related transactions, €2.47 billion of new external debt (of which €1.87 billion shall be in the form of senior bank debt and €600 million in the form of subordinated debt) and cash and cash equivalents equal to €300 million (including €150 million of restricted cash).

The debt financing put in place is non-recourse on the members of the WENDEL Consortium.

Following the acquisition of the share capital of Legrand SA held by Schneider Electric, the WENDEL Consortium intends to launch a takeover offer, pursuant to the takeover procedures under French law (*garantie de cours*), to acquire the shares of the minority shareholders of Legrand, followed by a public buy-out offer and a squeeze-out procedure (*retrait et retrait obligatoire*).

Reminder: The sale by Schneider Electric of its shares of Legrand to the WENDEL Consortium should occur at the latest mid-December 2002 and is conditional upon receipt of the necessary authorizations of relevant local competition authorities and the decision of the Court of First Instance of the European Communities.

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