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**WENDEL: successful completion of a €300 million bond issue due in April 2018.**

Wendel announced a successful transaction today involving the issue of €300 million bonds due in April 2018.

The net proceeds of this issue will be completely used to redeem banking debt with much shorter maturities. This transaction is therefore in line with the strategy initiated by Wendel in 2010 to increase the use of bond debt while reducing banking debt's amounts.

Oversubscribed, the issue was placed with an international base of investors including UK investors (30%), Swiss (19%), Nordics (8%), German (5%) and French (24%).

Details

Nominal	€300 m
Maturity	April 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2018
Reoffer / Issue price	99.324%
Yield	6.875%
Coupon	6.75%
Listing	Euronext Paris
Rating	Long term, BB-, stable outlook (Standard & Poor's)

Frédéric Lemoine, Chairman of the Executive Board, commented that: "Wendel achieved this transaction with the help of BNP Paribas, Natixis and Société Générale, and set it up from Paris market. Wendel heeds thereby the calls of Mrs Christine Lagarde to raise bonds volume taking place in Paris by issuers as those of Paris Europlace, organization to which Wendel has recently increased its involvement."

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Through *Oranje-Nassau Développement*, which gathers growth, diversification and innovative investment opportunities, Wendel is also invested in VGG in the Netherlands, Helikos in Germany, and will soon be invested in Parcours in France.

Wendel is listed on Eurolist by Euronext Paris.

Standard & Poor's rating: Long term BB-, stable outlook – Short term B since 19 July 2010.



Wendel is the Founding Sponsor of the Centre Pompidou-Metz, which has hosted nearly 700,000 visitors since its opening in May 2010.

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