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Partial sale of Legrand's shares by its controlling shareholders

Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. (together with its affiliates, "KKR") and Wendel announce that funds managed by them and their affiliates are intending to sell in the market a total of 23.7 million shares, representing approximately 9% of the share capital of Legrand as of August 31, 2010, by way of an accelerated book building to institutional investors.

The transaction is part of KKR's and Wendel's strategy to actively manage their investments and enhance Legrand's stock liquidity and free float. Over the past 12 months, the average daily traded volume has almost doubled before this transaction. After the sale the number of shares publicly held (the free float) will have increased by approximately 75%.

Following the transaction, KKR and Wendel will hold together approximately 36.5% of Legrand's share capital and approximately 52% of its voting rights.

There will be no change to the composition of the board as a result of the sale. KKR and Wendel remain core shareholders of Legrand, with double voting rights and a majority position on the board of Legrand.

KKR and Wendel have agreed on a customary 180 day lock-up period.

Book building will start immediately and will be co-managed by Deutsche Bank and Nomura acting as joint-Bookrunners. This press release does not constitute an offer to sell, and the offer of Legrand shares by KKR and Wendel does not constitute a public offering.

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About KKR

Founded in 1976 and led by Henry Kravis and George Roberts, KKR is a leading global alternative asset manager with \$54.4 billion in assets under management as of June 30, 2010. With over 600 people and 14 offices around the world, KKR manages assets through a variety of investment funds and accounts covering multiple asset classes. KKR seeks to create value by bringing operational expertise to its portfolio companies and through active oversight and monitoring of its investments. KKR complements its investment expertise and strengthens interactions with investors through its client relationships and capital markets platforms. KKR is publicly traded on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: KKR). For additional information, please visit KKR's website at www.kkr.com.

About Wendel

Wendel is one of Europe's leading listed investment firms. The Group invests in France and abroad, in companies that are leaders in their businesses: Bureau Veritas, Legrand, Saint-Gobain, Materis, Deutsch, Stallergenes, Oranje-Nassau and Stahl. Wendel plays an active role as industry shareholder. It implements long-term development strategies, which involve boosting growth and margins of companies so as to enhance their leading market positions. Wendel's consolidated 2009 sales totalled €4.9 billion. Wendel is listed on Eurolist by Euronext Paris. Standard & Poor's rating: Long term BB-, stable outlook – Short term B since July 19, 2010.



Wendel is the founding sponsor of the Centre Pompidou-Metz, which was attended by nearly 400,000 visitors since its opening in May 2010.

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