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XAVIER GALLIOT APPOINTED GROUP DIRECTOR OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Rexel announces the appointment of Xavier Galliot as Group Director of Sustainable Development. He reports to Pascale Giet, Senior Vice President, Communications and Sustainable Development.

With his extensive international experience in consulting and industry, Xavier Galliot's strategic and operational expertise in sustainability will contribute to strengthening and accelerating Rexel Group's commitment to sustainable development.

Biography

Xavier Galliot started his career with Ernst & Young as consultant in strategy and then worked in Japan on strategic partnership projects in the biotechnology sector. In 2002, he joined Rio Tinto Alcan where he held sales & marketing positions on international markets for aluminium products. Since late 2007, he was Sustainability Strategy Manager for Alcan International Network, a business unit of the group.

Xavier Galliot, 37, holds a Masters degree in Economics & Finance. He is a graduate of Bordeaux Business School and is a Stanford University executive program alumni.

Rexel, a global leader in the distribution of electrical supplies, serves three main end markets: industrial, commercial and residential. The Group operates in 34 countries, with a network of some 2,200 branches, and employs 28,000 people. Rexel's sales were €11.3 billion in 2009. Its majority shareholders are an investor group led by Clayton, Dubilier & Rice, Eurazeo and BAML Capital Partners.

Rexel is listed on the Eurolist market of Euronext Paris (compartment A, ticker RXL, ISIN code FR0010451203). It is integrated in the following indices: NEXT 150, SBF 120, and CAC Mid 100.

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