

REXEL CONSOLIDATES ITS POSITION IN AUSTRALIA WITH THE ACQUISITION OF EIW

Rexel, leading distributor worldwide of electrical supplies, announces the acquisition of EIW Holdings in Australia, a new step in the Group's bolt-on acquisition strategy. This transaction reinforces Rexel's number one position in the high growth Asia-Pacific region.

EIW Holdings consist of 16 branches, 9 in Western Australia, and 7 in New South Wales, and has 189 employees. Annual sales in the financial year ending June 2007 were circa 100 million euros*.

The acquisition of EIW Holdings, which will be immediately accretive, consolidates Rexel's position in Australia. It will make Rexel the number one distributor in Western Australia, the fastest growing region in the country fuelled by the mining industry as well as public investments. This acquisition will also enhance Rexel's expertise and position in the dynamic industrial sector. In 2006, Rexel's revenues in the Asia-Pacific region reached 636 million euros, and at the end of June 2007, the company had 2,500 employees and 304 branches in this region.

The EIW acquisition, Rexel's seventh since the beginning of 2007 and the second in Australia following the integration of NCA, is illustrative of Rexel's bolt-on acquisition strategy. It aims at developing the Group's market share in its key markets, reinforcing its presence with both clients and suppliers.

The transaction is scheduled to be completed end of October 2007.

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* 156 million Australian dollars

Leading distributor worldwide of electrical supplies, Rexel serves three main end markets: industrial, commercial and residential. The Group is present in 29 countries, with a network of 1,945 branches, and employs 25,400 people. Rexel's sales were 10.7 billion euros in 2006. Its majority shareholders are an investor group led by Clayton, Dubilier & Rice, Eurazeo and Merrill Lynch Global Private Equity.

In Asia-Pacific, Rexel has a presence in Australia, New Zealand, China, Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia and Malaysia. In 2006, Asia-Pacific revenues reached 636 million euros and at the end of June 2007, Rexel had 2,500 employees and 304 branches in the Asia-Pacific region.

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