



PRESS RELEASE

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Reference is made to the press release issued by Hagemeyer on 12 December 2007 with respect to the Ceteco court judgement.

After discussions with Hagemeyer management on the Ceteco case, Rexel, in agreement with Sonepar, confirms the intended recommended offer of €4.85 per share for Hagemeyer as announced on 23 November.

This is an announcement pursuant to section 9b (1) of the Dutch Securities Markets Decree (*Besluit Toezicht Effectenverkeer 1995*).

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Rexel profile

Rexel, leading distributor worldwide of electrical supplies, 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 posted sales of € 10.7 billion in 2006 on a pro-forma basis. Its majority shareholders are an investor group led by Clayton, Dubilier & Rice, Eurazeo and Merrill Lynch Global Private Equity.

Rexel is listed on the Eurolist market of Euronext Paris (compartment A, ticker RXL, ISIN code FR0010451203).

For more information, visit Rexel's web site at www.rexel.com



Sonepar profile

Sonepar Group is a worldwide technical solutions provider to electrical industry professionals. With € 9.45 billion of turnover in 2006, and a double digit average growth for the last 20 years, Sonepar is now operating with more than 23,000 associates in 29 countries on four continents.

In 1982, through the acquisition of then equal size Dutch peer Otra NV, the group began to build its European dimension, and has pursued international expansion thereafter through targeted acquisitions in North and South America and Asia.

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