

## Rexel partners with Ashoka, commits to UN Global Compact

***Rexel, a leading worldwide distributor of electrical supplies, affirms its commitment to society by:***

- ***signing a partnership agreement with international organization Ashoka to support social entrepreneurship throughout the world,***
- ***committing to the United Nations by signing the Global Compact.***

### Rexel signs up as Ashoka's new partner

Rexel, with [Ashoka](#), is taking a stance to support social entrepreneurship. Through this partnership, Rexel has not only committed to provide financial support for Ashoka's initiatives, but is also offering its assistance in 2012 to two social entrepreneurs in the Ashoka network with innovative projects in the field of energy efficiency. Promoting energy efficiency is a key development priority and commitment for Rexel, which actively encourages the implementation and adoption of eco-efficient and clean energy production solutions.

Ashoka has launched a call for projects in the UK, Canada, Brazil and the USA and two entrepreneurs will be chosen. Their projects will benefit from both Rexel's support in the form of a financial contribution and the development of a collaborative program with Rexel's local teams.

Ashoka is a non-profit organization founded in 1980 and is the largest network of social entrepreneurs in existence. Its mission is to identify entrepreneurs who have developed a social innovation and help them succeed by supporting the development of their impact.

*"We are very pleased to support Ashoka in its mission," said Rudy Provoost, Rexel's Chairman of the Management Board. "Their innovative approach and their culture of entrepreneurship are a perfect fit for us as Rexel has built on its own entrepreneurial spirit to seize the energy efficiency opportunity. This partnership will help us with our mission to develop energy efficient products and services and raise awareness of their benefits."*

### Rexel supports the Global Compact for a fairer and more responsible global economy

Rexel takes its responsibilities towards its employees, suppliers, clients and partners seriously. Consequently, it has chosen to work alongside the United Nations by becoming a member of the Global Compact. Under the terms of this Compact, Rexel undertakes to adhere to and promote its [ten key principles](#) in the areas of human rights, labor standards, the environment and the fight against corruption.

The Global Compact today has thousands of participants in over 100 countries.

Rexel, a global leader in the distribution of electrical supplies, serves three main end markets: industrial, commercial and residential. The Group operates in 37 countries, with a network of some 2,100 branches, and employs over 28,000 people. Rexel's sales were €12.7 billion in 2011. 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: SBF 120, CAC Mid 100, CAC AllTrade, CAC AllShares, FTSE EuroMid, FTSE4Good and STOXX600.

For more information, visit Rexel's web site at [www.rexel.com](http://www.rexel.com)

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