

**REXEL STRENGTHENS ITS PRESENCE IN BELGIUM
WITH THE ACQUISITION OF LA GRANGE**

Rexel, a global leader in the distribution of electrical supplies, announces it has reached an agreement to acquire La Grange, a longstanding independent player in the distribution of electrical supplies and a lighting specialist operating in Belgium.

This acquisition allows Rexel to extend its geographical footprint and broaden its service offer in Belgium and is consistent with Rexel's strategic aim of strengthening its position in key mature markets.

The consolidation of La Grange should generate additional sales of close to €50 million on an annualized basis.

This acquisition is subject to some conditions precedent, in particular approval by the Competition Authority.

La Grange

Founded in 1941 and based in Gent, La Grange is a longstanding independent player in the distribution of electrical supplies and a lighting specialist in Belgium. Operating through 5 branches and employing 126 people at December 31, 2011, the family-owned company has an established reputation in the industrial end-market in its region.

Rexel in Belgium

Rexel is a major player in the distribution of electrical supplies in Belgium. Operating from 29 branches located across the country, Rexel's activity in Belgium in 2011 contributed over €305 million to the Group's consolidated revenues.

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.

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