

### **REXEL APPOINTS CATHERINE GUILLOUARD AS GROUP SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AND MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Rexel has announced the appointment of Catherine Guillouard as Group Chief Financial Officer, Group Senior Vice President and member of the Executive Committee, effective at the latest May 6, 2013.

Catherine Guillouard will join Rexel from Eutelsat Communications, the leading European satellite operator, which she joined in 2007 as Chief Financial Officer. Prior to that, she worked for Air France, where she became Senior Vice President of Finance in 2005 after holding several senior management positions. She began her career at the French Treasury.

Catherine Guillouard will succeed Michel Favre, who announced his decision to step down in October 2012 to pursue new career opportunities. Michel Favre will remain in his post until Catherine Guillouard's arrival to ensure a smooth transition.

After joining Rexel, Catherine Guillouard's appointment as a member of the Group's Management Board will be submitted for approval to the Group's Supervisory Board.

Rudy Provoost, Chairman of the Management Board and CEO of Rexel said: *"I am very pleased to welcome Catherine Guillouard as a key member of Rexel's leadership team. Her management experience and financial acumen will be strong assets for Rexel and of tremendous value in the implementation of the Group's Energy in Motion company plan. I also would like to thank Michel Favre for his contribution to Rexel over the past four years. He has put in place a strong finance function and created a solid foundation for Catherine Guillouard to build upon."*

#### **Biographical information on Catherine Guillouard:**

*Catherine Guillouard has been Chief Financial Officer of Eutelsat and a member of the Executive Committee since September 2007.*

*Prior to joining Eutelsat, Ms. Guillouard held various positions within Air France. From 2005 to September 2007, she was Senior Vice President of Finance. Prior to that, she was Senior Vice President of Human Resources and Change Management, Senior Vice President of Flight Operations, and Deputy Vice President of Corporate Control.*

*She began her career in 1993 at the Treasury of the Ministry of Finance in the Africa - CFA zone department and then in the Banking Affairs department.*

*Ms. Guillouard graduated from the Institut d'Etudes Politiques of Paris and the École Nationale d'Administration. She also holds a post-graduate degree (DESS) in European Union Law.*

*Ms. Guillouard is a Board member of Aéroports de Paris (ADP) and Technicolor.*

Rexel, a global leader in the distribution of sustainable and innovative products and services for automation, technical supply and energy management, addresses three main markets - industrial, commercial and residential. The Group supports customers around the globe, wherever they are, to create value and run their businesses better. With a network of some 2,300 branches in 37 countries, and over 31,000 employees, Rexel's sales were €13.4 billion in 2012. 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 included in the following indices: SBF 120, CAC Mid 100, CAC AllTrade, CAC AllShares, FTSE EuroMid, FTSE4Good, STOXX600, STOXX Europe Sustainability and ASPI Eurozone.

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

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