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# REXEL LAUNCHES A €100 MILLION TAP ISSUE ON ITS 2.125% SENIOR UNSECURED SUSTAINABILITY-LINKED NOTES DUE 2028

Building on the success of its €300 million inaugural sustainability-linked notes due 2028 issued on May 5, 2021 (the "2028 Notes"), Rexel, worldwide expert in the multichannel professional distribution of products and services for the energy world, announced today that it intends to offer an additional €100 million of its 2028 Notes (the "Additional Notes"). The Additional Notes will be issued under the same terms and be fully fungible with the 2028 Notes after expiration of a 40-day period.

Rexel will use the proceeds of the issuance of the Additional Notes, together with available cash, to redeem part of the 2.125% senior Euro notes due June 2025 issued by Rexel on November 20, 2017 (the "2025 Notes"). Rexel expects to redeem in part the 2025 Notes on or about May 25, 2021. Rexel can elect not to redeem in part the 2025 Notes if it does not issue all the Additional Notes or if there is a material adverse change in financial markets. This issuance will allow Rexel to enhance its financial structure by extending its debt maturity profile at favorable financing conditions.

The Additional Notes will be offered exclusively to investors outside the United States and are expected to be listed on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange (Euro MTF).

Rexel expects the Additional Notes to be rated by Moody's and Standard & Poor's. Ratings announcements are expected to be released shortly by the rating agencies.

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# **ABOUT REXEL GROUP**

Rexel, worldwide expert in the multichannel professional distribution of products and services for the energy world, addresses three main markets - residential, commercial and industrial. The Group supports its residential, commercial and industrial customers by providing a tailored and scalable range of products and services in energy management for construction, renovation, production and maintenance. Rexel operates through a network of more than 1,900 branches in 25 countries, with more than 24,000 employees. The Group's sales were €12.6 billion in 2020.

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, STOXX600. Rexel is also part of the following SRI indices: FTSE4Good, Dow Jones Sustainability Index Europe, Euronext Vigeo Europe 120, STOXX® Global ESG Environmental Leaders, 2021 Global 100 Index, S&P Global Sustainability Yearbook 2021, in recognition of its performance in terms of corporate social responsibility (CSR). Rexel is rated A- in the 2020 CDP Climate Change assessment and ranked in the 2020 CDP Supplier Engagement Leaderboard. For more information, visit www.rexel.com/en



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implement the Insurance Mediation Directive, where that customer would not qualify as a professional client, as defined in point (8) of article 2(1) of Regulation (EU) 600/2014 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA.

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# <u>UK MiFIR Product Governance / Professional Investors and Eligible Counterparties</u>

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## France

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