

## **RUDY PROVOOST SUCCEEDS JEAN-CHARLES PAUZE AS REXEL'S CHAIRMAN OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD**

Rexel's Supervisory Board today approved the appointment of Rudy PROVOOST as Chairman of the Management Board, effective February 13, 2012, succeeding Jean-Charles PAUZE.

This organized management transition was announced in May 2011 and Rudy PROVOOST joined Rexel's Management Board on October 1, 2011.

Jean-Charles PAUZE will remain available to the Group throughout 2012.

Roberto QUARTA, Chairman of Rexel's Supervisory Board said: *"On behalf of the Supervisory Board, I would like to warmly thank Jean-Charles PAUZE for his exceptional leadership and accomplishments along with Rexel's teams as Chairman of the Management Board. During his ten years heading the Group, Rexel has consolidated its global leadership - doubling its activity and results - , by offering more value-added services to customers, positioning itself in the energy efficiency markets and accelerating its development in emerging markets.*

*We are fortunate to have Rudy PROVOOST as his successor. He has made a strong start since joining the company last year and with his experience in the electrical sector, international background and management skills, he has all the assets required to continue Rexel's development and profitable growth."*

### **Biography**

*Rudy PROVOOST has been with Philips since October 2000, when he joined as Executive Vice-President of Consumer Electronics in Europe. In 2004, he became Chief Executive Officer of the Consumer Electronics division and was appointed member of the Board of Management of Philips in 2006. He went on to become Chief Executive Officer of the Lighting sector in 2008, as well as Chairman of Philips's Sustainability Board. Prior to his Philips career, Rudy PROVOOST held a variety of senior executive positions at Procter & Gamble (1984-1987), Canon (1987-1992) and Whirlpool (1992-2000). Rudy PROVOOST was born in 1959 in Belgium and holds degrees in Psychology and Business Administration from the University of Ghent in Belgium.*

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 2,200 branches, and employs 28,000 people. Rexel's sales were €12.0 billion in 2010. 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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