

MICHEL FAVRE TO STEP DOWN AS GROUP CFO IN THE COMING MONTHS

Rexel and its Group Chief Financial Officer, Michel Favre, have agreed that Mr. Favre will leave the Group in the coming months to pursue new career opportunities.

Mr. Favre will remain in his Group CFO position, while stepping down from the Management Board, until the appointment of his successor and work alongside Rudy Provoost, Chief Executive Officer, to ensure a smooth transition.

Mr. Favre indicated to the Supervisory Board that he wishes to give a new orientation to his professional career after having supported the management transition at the Group's helm over the past year.

Roberto Quarta, Chairman of the Supervisory Board, declared: *"On behalf of the entire Supervisory Board I would like to thank Michel for his strong contribution to Rexel. He has played an important role in improving Rexel's financial structure. He has also been instrumental in helping develop strong relations with the financial community. I speak for the entire board in wishing him well in the pursuit of new opportunities."*

Rudy Provoost, Chairman of the Management Board and CEO, added: *"I am grateful to Michel for the support he has provided since I took over at Rexel, and for his willingness to ensure a smooth and orderly transition. He has put in place a strong finance function and leaves solid foundations for his successor to build upon."*

Michel Favre, Group Chief Financial Officer, commented: *"I have very much enjoyed my time at Rexel, whose market leadership and first-rate teams put it in a strong position to thrive even in today's challenging conditions. With the leadership transition now fully completed, this is an appropriate time for me to consider new opportunities and fresh horizons. Rexel can count on my full support and commitment until such time as my successor is appointed."*

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 2,200 branches in 37 countries, and over 28,000 employees, 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 included in the following indices: SBF 120, CAC Mid 100, CAC AllTrade, CAC AllShares, FTSE EuroMid, FTSE4Good, STOXX600 and ASPI Eurozone.

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