

Press release

Successful debt repricing optimises capital structure

Luxembourg, 03 April 2017 – Armacell, a global leader in flexible foam for the equipment insulation market and a leading provider of engineered foams, today announces the successful completion of its debt repricing.

In total, Armacell raised EUR 622 million of first-lien term debt, increasing the existing first lien term debt by EUR 140 million. The newly raised funds will repay the existing second lien debt in full, as well as some drawings made under the revolving credit facility for recent acquisitions. The margin on the first lien term debt was substantially reduced from Euribor + 450 bps to Euribor + 350 bps; the margin on the revolving credit facility was reduced to Euribor + 325 bps.

This transaction will result in annual cash interest savings of approx. EUR 9 million. Combined with the repricing executed in September 2016, Armacell will save approx. EUR 15 million interests cost p.a. relative to the LBO financing executed in February 2016.

Commenting on the repricing, Patrick Mathieu, President & CEO of Armacell International S.A., said: "Since the acquisition by Blackstone and KIRKBI, Armacell has demonstrated a strong operating and financial performance. The fact that the recent issuance was multiple times oversubscribed underlines the long-term attractiveness of our business model, allowing Armacell to gain additional operating flexibility."

Dr. Max Padberg, CFO of Armacell International S.A., added: "Thanks to the overwhelming demand from investors and continuous good market conditions we are able to further optimise our capital structure. With the two recent repricing transactions, we successfully reduced interest costs by more than 30%. The resulting higher free cash flow will be utilized to reduce our leverage and support the continuous growth of Armacell."

The re-pricing was arranged by Deutsche Bank (Global Co-ordinator), HSBC and BNP. Both Moody's (B3/Stable) and Standard & Poor's (B/Stable) have reaffirmed their corporate ratings on 27 February and 6 March 2017 respectively.

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About Armacell

Armacell is a global leader in flexible foam for the equipment insulation market and a leading provider of engineered foams. With 3,000 employees and 25 production plants in 16 countries, the company generated net sales of approx. EUR 560 million and EBITDA (before unusual items) of approx. EUR 100 million in 2016.

Armacell operates two main businesses:

Advanced Insulation develops flexible foams for the insulation of technical equipment utilised for the transport of energy - such as heating, ventilation & air conditioning (HVAC) and heating & plumbing (H&P) in residential and commercial construction, process lines in the heavy- and oil & gas industry, equipment in transportation, as well as, acoustics.

Engineered Foams develops high-performance foams for the use in a broad range of end markets including transportation, automotive, wind energy, sports and construction.

Armacell's products significantly contribute to global energy efficiency. For more information, please visit: http://corporate.armacell.com/.

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