



Press Release

Haniel issues seven-year euro benchmark bond

Bond principal totals 500 million euros

Duisburg, January 21, 2010: Franz Haniel & Cie. GmbH, the Holding Company of the Haniel Group, will today issue a euro benchmark bond. The issuing volume is 500 million euros. The bond has a term of seven years.

The bond is available for subscription by European institutional investors. The allotment amounts are to be determined today. The issue is being handled by Calyon, UniCredit, BayernLB, HeLaBa and LBBW.

"We are using the bond to decrease bank liabilities and thus underpin our financing structure," explains Haniel Managing Board member Stefan Meister. In particular, the inflow of funds from the bond is to be employed to discharge the full amount of liabilities of Haniel Beteiligungsfinanzierungs-GmbH & Co. KG, a fully consolidated subsidiary of the Holding Company. This company was used by Haniel to finance the acquisition of 16 per cent METRO AG shares in 2007. A part of the original financing, in the amount of 1 billion euros, has already been repaid from the proceeds of an earlier euro benchmark bond.

On October 15, 2009, Haniel issued a euro benchmark bond with a total volume of 1 billion euros. It had a term of five years and a coupon of 6.75 per cent. The issue generated tremendous interest among financial investors, especially fund companies and insurers, and was many times oversubscribed.

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"With the issuance of bonds we reinforce our financing structure long-term and establish the fundamental platform to undertake forward-looking portfolio measures at the given time," says Haniel Chairman Prof. Jürgen Kluge.

The Haniel Group

Haniel is a family-owned, internationally successful trading and services group. In 2008, its around 50,000 employees generated sales of 26.4 billion euros. The four Corporate Divisions, Celesio, CWS-boco, ELG and TAKKT, are represented in more than 30 countries – all in the position of market leader. In its role as a Holding Company, Franz Haniel & Cie. GmbH focuses on strategic and financial leadership of the Group, and defines the guidelines for Group-wide human resources management. The individual Corporate Divisions: Celesio is one of the leading international trading companies and service providers in the pharma sector; CWS-boco ranks among the leading international vendors of washroom hygiene products, dust control mats and textile services; ELG is one of the world's foremost raw materials trading and recycling specialists for the stainless steel industry; while TAKKT is the leading B2B specialist mail order company in Europe and North America for business equipment. Haniel also holds 34.24 per cent of the voting rights in METRO AG and is therefore its largest shareholder.

You can find more information about Franz Haniel & Cie. GmbH on our website at www.haniel.com.

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