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Evonik successfully placed €500 million bond

- Tenor of seven years, coupon of 1.875 percent
- Clear improvement in maturity profile

Essen. Evonik Industries AG, one of the world's leading specialty chemicals companies, successfully placed a bond with a nominal value of €500 million on the debt capital market today. This seven-year bond, which is denominated in units of €1,000, carries a fixed-rate coupon of 1.875 percent. The issue yield is 2.001 percent. With a credit spread of just 0.75 percent above the corresponding reference rate, Evonik is benefiting from its very good credit profile and the currently very favorable market environment for corporate bonds.

The bond ratings are BBB+/stable from S&P and Baa2/positive from Moody's. This is Evonik's first bond issue since 2009. Together with available liquidity, the proceeds from the issue are intended to be used to redeem the €1.1 billion Evonik-Degussa bond, which matures in December 2013.

Evonik's CFO Dr. Wolfgang Colberg comments: "The steady improvement in our credit ratings and our active communication with creditors is starting to pay off. Thanks to its seven-year maturity, this bond increases the average maturity of our bonds by more than two years as of year-end 2013, and that will strengthen our financial profile even further." The bond was placed with more than 180 German and foreign investors. Joint bookrunners were Citigroup, Commerzbank, Mitsubishi UFJ Securities and Société Générale.

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Evonik is active in over 100 countries around the world. In fiscal 2012 more than 33,000 employees generated sales of around €13.6 billion and an operating profit (adjusted EBITDA) of about €2.6 billion.