Arkema successfully priced its €400 million undated hybrid notes

Arkema (the “Company”) successfully priced its issuance of €400 million undated 5.25 year non-call deeply subordinated hybrid notes with a coupon of 2.75% until the first call date (the “New Notes”).

The issuance has seen very strong investor interest, with an order book above €3 billion.

The bonds will be subordinated to any senior debt, and will be recognized in equity in accordance with IFRS rules. They will be subject to capital treatment equivalent to 50% of their amount by Moody’s and Standard and Poor’s rating agencies.

It is reminded that the Company simultaneously launched a capped tender offer (the “Tender Offer”) on its undated deeply subordinated hybrid notes with a coupon of 4.75% and a first call date on 29 October 2020 issued by the Company on 29 October 2014. The indicative maximum acceptance amount of the Tender Offer will be equal to the principal amount of the New Notes, €400 million.

Through this combined transaction, the Company partially refinances its outstanding hybrid notes, taking advantage of favorable market conditions.

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