

Press Release

Building materials group Etex is satisfied with first bond issue

Brussels, 6 September 2012 – **Today, the Belgian building materials group Etex closed the subscription period of its bond early. Etex wanted to raise, through the bond, a maximum of 400 million euro. This amount has been exceeded on the first day, so Etex decided to early close the subscription period.**

BNP Paribas Fortis, ING and KBC Bank received, since the start of the offering this morning, subscriptions exceeding 400 million euro. This is why Etex has decided, on the first day, to early terminate the subscription period.

“We are pleased with this bond issue”, says Fons Peeters, CEO of Etex. “That we were able to raise more than 400 million euro in one day testifies to the confidence investors have in Etex. Etex is a group with many assets and this has attracted many investors.”

The net proceeds of the bond will be used to repay a bridge loan contracted to finance the acquisition of Lafarge’s gypsum activities.

The bond has a term of 4 years and 6 months and a maturity date of 31 March 2017, providing an annual coupon of 5 %, and will be issued on 27 September 2012. This is based on an issue price of 101 %, with a gross yield of 4,755 % annually.

Further information regarding this public offering can be found in the prospectus, approved by the Financial Services and Markets Authority (FSMA), dated 3 September 2012. The prospectus is still available from the relevant financial institutions and on the group’s website: www.etexgroup.com.

About Etex

Etex is a Belgian industrial group which manufactures and sells building materials. Its four core businesses are: cladding and building boards in fibre cement and plaster, roofing, passive fire protection and high performance insulation, and ceramic tiles. In Belgium, apart from its headquarters, Etex has three production sites and two R&D centers.

With over 17,000 employees operating on 121 production sites in 44 countries and with an annual turnover of more than 3 billion euro, Etex is an international player in sustainable building solutions. For more information: www.etexgroup.com.

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