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## ***Successful launch of Arkema's inaugural bond issue***

### **Arkema completed today the placement of a 500 million euro bond issue.**

With an October 2017 maturity and a 4% interest rate, this bond enables Arkema to benefit from current favorable market conditions.

This transaction falls in line with Arkema's long-term financing policy by allowing it to diversify its sources of funding and extend the maturity of its debt.

This issue has been led jointly by Citi, Crédit Agricole, Natixis and Société Générale.

Arkema is rated BBB- and Baa3 with stable outlook by Standard & Poor's and Moody's respectively.

*A global chemical company and France's leading chemicals producer, **Arkema** is building the future of the chemical industry every day. Deploying a responsible, innovation-based approach, we produce state-of-the-art specialty chemicals that provide customers with practical solutions to such challenges as climate change, access to drinking water, the future of energy, fossil fuel preservation and the need for lighter materials. With operations in more than 40 countries, 14,000 employees and seven research centers, Arkema generates annual revenue of €5.5 billion and holds leadership positions in all its markets with a portfolio of internationally recognized brands. **The world is our inspiration.***

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