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Evonik mandates four banks for planned issuance of a hybrid bond

- Hybrid bond intended to finance planned acquisition of silica business of US company J.M. Huber

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Essen. Evonik Industries AG has today mandated Deutsche Bank, Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Citi, and Credit Suisse for the planned issuance of a hybrid bond of €500 million. The bond will be issued directly by Evonik Industries AG. The proceeds are intended to finance the planned acquisition of the silica business of the US company, J.M. Huber. The purchase price for the transaction, which was signed in December 2016, is US\$630 million.

This initial issuance of a hybrid bond supports Evonik's solid investment grade rating because of its subordination to other financial liabilities and 50% valuation as equity capital by the ratings agencies. The bond also enables access to an additional source of finance for Evonik in the current favorable market environment.

Evonik Industries AG is rated by the agencies Moody's and S&P with Baa1 and BBB+ respectively, both with stable outlook. The rating of the planned hybrid bond is expected to be two steps below the company rating, as is typical for this type of instrument, meaning it will also fall into the investment grade rating range (Baa3/BBB-).

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