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AGRANA places €110m bonded loan with maturities of five, seven and ten years

For the first time, AGRANA Beteiligungs-AG has successfully placed a bonded loan for over €110 million on the euro capital market. This transaction was supported by Landesbank Hessen-Thüringen (Helaba) and Raiffeisen Bank International (RBI).

The placement entailed offering bonded loans with a maturity of five and seven years with both fixed and floating coupons. In addition, there was also a ten-year tranche with a fixed coupon. Due to the high level of demand on the part of investors, the transaction was significantly oversubscribed, as a result of which the volume originally planned was increased to \in 110m. The spread of both tranches with the shorter maturities was set at the lower end of the marketing range.

The funds from the bonded loan issue will be used for general corporate financing purposes and are intended to further diversify the funding structure.

AGRANA, the refiner of agricultural raw materials in the areas of sugar, starch and fruit, is the leading sugar company in Central and Eastern Europe and a top producer of special starch products in Europe. In the fruit segment, AGRANA is the top global producer of fruit preparations for the dairy industry and one of the leading producers of fruit juice concentrates in Europe. With approximately 8,000 personnel at 53 production facilities in 26 countries, AGRANA generates global revenues of over \in 2bn, has a market capitalisation of \notin 1.2bn (29 February 2012), and is listed on the Vienna Stock Exchange.

This press release is available in both German and English and can be viewed on the AGRANA website at <u>www.agrana.com</u>.