



Media release

SCHMOLZ + BICKENBACH announces EUR 200 million offering

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Lucerne, 3 April 2017 – SCHMOLZ + BICKENBACH AG (the “Company”), a global leader in special long steel, today announced an offering (the "Offering") of EUR 200 million of euro-denominated Senior Secured Notes due 2022 (the "Notes").

The Notes will be issued by the Company’s subsidiary SCHMOLZ+BICKENBACH Luxembourg Finance S.A. The Company expects that the proceeds of the Offering will be used (i) to redeem, on or after 15 May 2017, the outstanding portion of the Senior Secured Notes due 2019 issued by its subsidiary SCHMOLZ + BICKENBACH Luxembourg S.A, (ii) for the partial repayment of drawings under the Company’s Revolving Credit Facility and (iii) to pay costs, fees and expenses incurred in connection with the Offering and the redemption of the existing Senior Secured Notes due 2019.

The Notes are being offered only to qualified institutional buyers in accordance with Rule 144A under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), and outside the United States in accordance with Regulation S under the Securities Act and, if an investor is a resident of a member state of the European Economic Area (the “EEA”), only to such an investor that is a qualified investor (within the meaning of Article 2(1)(e) of Directive 2003/71/EC, together with any amendments thereto, including Directive 2010/73/EU, to the extent implemented in the relevant member state (the “Prospectus Directive”).

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