



Press Release

ERG places its inaugural Green Bond for 500 million Euro

Requests exceed 6 times the amount offered

Genoa, 4 April 2019 – ERG S.p.A. (“ERG”) has completed its placement of a 6 year fixed rate bond for 500,000,000 Euro, issued as part of its 1 billion Euro EMTN (Euro Medium Term Notes) Programme (see PR dated 19/12/2018), as last amended and supplemented on 26 March 2019.

The issue took place in the form of a Green Bond, destined to finance, or refinance, projects pertaining to the generation of energy using the ERG group’s renewable wind power or solar power sources.

The bond issue is exclusively addressed to Euromarket institutional investors. The issue was very well received, with a request exceeding 6 times the amount of notes offered, on the part of investors of high standing with a broad geographical diversification, and saw a significant participation of green and sustainable investors.

The bonds, which have a minimum denomination of Euro 100,000, pay a gross annual fixed rate of interest of 1.875% and were placed at an issue price corresponding to 99.674% of nominal value. The settlement date has been fixed on 11 April 2019. As of that date, the bonds will be traded on the regulated market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange.

Fitch Ratings is expected to assign a BBB- rating to the bond issue.

Luca Bettonte, ERG’s Chief Executive Officer, commented: **“The inaugural Green Bond issue by ERG forms part of our strategy, which envisages the gradual evolution of the Group’s financial structure from Project to Corporate Financing, in line with the forecast change in the industry and the expected trend in our generation portfolio. The transaction confirms once again the high confidence of investors vis-à-vis ERG and how the strong orientation of our business model towards sustainable development is recognised and valued also by the financial market.”**

The placement was arranged by Banca IMI, Barclays, BNP Paribas, Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank, Mediobanca – Banca di Credito Finanziario S.p.A. and UniCredit as Joint Bookrunners and by ING as Co-Lead manager.

BNP Paribas acted as Rating Advisor and Co-Green Structuring Advisor, whereas Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank acted as Green Structuring Advisor and Co-Rating Advisor.

ERG has been assisted by the Law Firm Clifford Chance, while the Bookrunners have been assisted by the Law Firm Allen & Overy.

Vigeo Eiris, in its capacity as independent advisor, has issued a Second Party Opinion, certifying the compliance of ERG’s Green Bond Framework with the Green Bond Principles.

The minutes of the Company’s Board of Directors meeting regarding the issuance of the bond and the subsequent resolution will be made available to the public within the terms and according to the procedures set forth by prevailing laws and regulations at the Company’s head office at Via De Marini 1, Genoa, on the Company’s website (www.erg.eu), at the offices of Borsa Italiana S.p.A. and on the eMarket Storage authorised storage mechanism (www.emarketstorage.com).

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