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CECONOMY AG announces the successful placement of new €500m sustainability-linked fixed rate senior unsecured notes due July 2029

CECONOMY AG (the "Company") has successfully priced and allocated €500m sustainability-linked fixed rate senior unsecured notes due 2029 (the "New Notes") which will bear interest at a rate of 6.250% per annum. The interest rate is linked to the achievement of a specific sustainability target.

The New Notes are expected to be issued on 3 July 2024, subject to customary conditions.

The Company intends to use the gross proceeds from the new notes offering to fund the tender offer for its existing €500m fixed rate senior unsecured notes due June 2026 (the "Existing Notes"), launched on 24 June 2024. Any unutilised gross proceeds will be used to redeem any remaining Existing Notes at maturity or earlier, subject to the Company's discretion and market conditions.

The tender offer is expected to expire at 5:00 pm CEST on 2 July 2024.

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Each holder of Existing Notes participating in the tender offer will represent that it is not located in the United States of America and is not participating in the tender offer from the United States of America or it is acting on a non-discretionary basis for a principal located outside the United States of America that is not giving an order to participate in the tender offer from the United States of America.

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