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CHG-MERIDIAN issues new ESG-linked bonded loan with a volume of €100 million

- 17 investors participated in the transaction
- Tranches with maturities of four to seven years
- New EcoVadis gold rating for CHG-MERIDIAN

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On August 14, CHG-MERIDIAN successfully issued a further ESG-linked bonded loan with a volume of €100 million. The loan consists of various tranches with maturities of four to seven years and was placed with 17 investors during a marketing phase of just four-and-a-half weeks. The fact that the loan was placed so quickly underlines the confidence that investors have in CHG-MERIDIAN's creditworthiness and sustainability credentials.

Finpair GmbH, a subsidiary of NordLB, acted as the lead arranger for the first time. "The successful placement of this bonded loan demonstrates the confidence that the market has in our creditworthiness and in our sustainable business model," says Ulrich Bergmann, CFO of the CHG-MERIDIAN Group. "This new loan sends a further clear signal of how committed we are to our long-term strategy of financing our growth entirely through sustainable funding solutions."

CHG-MERIDIAN has so far raised €800 million from sustainable funding instruments

Since 2021, CHG-MERIDIAN has raised €800 million from sustainable funding instruments. These ESG-linked loans and other types of sustainable funding are not only helping CHG-MERIDIAN to support its own growth but also driving the transition to a greener economy. "This form of growth-related funding makes perfect sense for us because our sustainable and circular business model embodies precisely the kind of values that are needed for a future-proof economy," says Bergmann.

Gold rating from EcoVadis confirms CHG-MERIDIAN's commitment to sustainability

In recognition of its outstanding achievements in sustainability, CHG-MERIDIAN has just recently been awarded the highly regarded gold rating from EcoVadis. This rating reflects the successful implementation of ESG criteria across the four themes of environment, labor & human rights, ethics, and sustainable procurement. "Because our ESG-linked funding is directly tied to our EcoVadis rating, the gold award sends out an important signal to our customers, partners, and investors alike that we are setting the highest standards."

The CHG-MERIDIAN Group

The CHG-MERIDIAN Group is a leading global technology2use company in the IT, industrial, and healthcare sectors. It has more than 1,400 employees worldwide and develops, finances, and manages customized technology solutions based on the principle of usage over ownership. This gives customers including large corporations, SMEs, public authorities, and hospitals access to the latest technologies, cost-effective financing models, and tailored services that meet individual needs. CHG-MERIDIAN currently manages a technology portfolio worth €10 billion (2023) and has a presence in 30 countries on five continents without being tied to any specific banks or manufacturers. Its services are available in up to 190 countries through its subsidiaries, partner networks, and affiliated companies.

The sustainability-based principles of the circular economy lie at the heart of CHG-MERIDIAN's business model. The Company has been continually expanding its expertise in this area since it was founded 45 years ago in 1979. CHG-MERIDIAN manages its customers' technology assets along the entire lifecycle, from procurement and use to data erasure, refurbishing, and remarketing of used devices at its modern technology centers. The Company's headquarters are in Weingarten, Germany.

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