

## **Exane Market Commentary**

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## Befimmo announces a public bond offering

>Befimmo SCA announces today a public bond offering maturing in 2015 for a minimum amount of EUR75m

>The purpose of the offering is to contribute to the assurance of Befimmo's general financing needs. >The issue price is set at 101.947%, which includes the sales commission of 1.625%1. A coupon of 4.75% (gross) shall be payable on 30 December of each year, starting on 30 December 2012. The gross actuarial yield on the issue price is 4.211% per year.

>The repayment will take place at the due date on 30 December 2015, up to 100% of the face value. >The subscription period opens on 8 December (9 AM, Belgian time) and closes on 27 December 2011 (5.30 PM, Belgian time), subject to early closing. The payment date of the issue price is 30 December 2011.

## **Exane BNPP View:**

> It is not surprising to see Befimmo continuing to diversify its sources of finances. Belgian 10-year bond yields are currently trading at 4.4% (vs 2.3% for Germany and 3.2% for France), suggesting that bonds could be a cheaper source of financing for Befimmo than bank debt. As a reminder, on 5 October 2011, S&P confirmed the BBB/outlook stable rating for Befimmo's long-term debt

> This refinancing should have a negative impact on Befimmo's cost of debt (3.36% over a period of 12 months ending on 30 September 2011)