



MRC Global Announces Moody's Upgrade in Credit Rating To 'B1' from 'B2', Outlook Stable

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HOUSTON, Oct. 15, 2024 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- MRC Global Inc. (NYSE: MRC), today announced that Moody's Ratings ("Moody's") upgraded the company's corporate family rating to 'B1' from 'B2' with a stable outlook. Also, in conjunction with the company's issuance of a new Term Loan B, Moody's upgraded the rating of the anticipated Term Loan B to a 'B2', a level higher than the company's previous term loan.

Moody's based its ratings upgrade, in part, on the company's moderate leverage and ample interest coverage, modest capital spending requirements and solid operating performance. Moody's affirmed the outlook as 'Stable' based on their view that the company's performance will remain strong and continue to generate positive free cash flow, and that the company's credit metrics will remain robust.

In addition, S&P Global Ratings ("S&P") affirmed MRC Global's issuer-credit rating of 'B' with a stable outlook based on the company's ability to sustain supportive operating performance and generate positive free cash flow. S&P stated that it views the repurchase of the preferred equity as leverage neutral and positive overall as it increases the company's financial flexibility. S&P also rated the anticipated new Term Loan with a 'B' rating.

Rob Saltiel, MRC Global's President and CEO commented, "I am pleased with the credit rating upgrade from Moody's, which reflects the progress we have made in strengthening our capital structure and increasing our financial flexibility by bolstering our balance sheet and generating strong, consistent cash flows."

About MRC Global Inc.

Headquartered in Houston, Texas, MRC Global (NYSE: MRC) is the leading global distributor of pipe, valves, fittings (PVF) and other infrastructure products and services to diversified end-markets including the gas utilities, downstream, industrial and energy transition, and production and transmission infrastructure sectors. With over 100 years of experience, MRC Global has provided customers with innovative supply chain solutions, technical product expertise and a robust digital platform from a worldwide network of 219 locations including valve and engineering centers. The company's unmatched quality assurance program offers over 300,000 SKUs from over 8,500 suppliers, simplifying the supply chain for approximately 10,000 customers. Find out more at www.mrcglobal.com.

This news release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Exchange Act. Words such as "will," "expect," "expected," "anticipated" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements.

Statements about the company's business, including statements of S&P and Moody's that the company has included in this news release, including statement about the company's leverage, interest coverage, capital spending requirements, operating performance, free cash flow, financial flexibility and balance sheet, are not guarantees of future performance. These statements are based on management's expectations that involve a number of business risks and uncertainties, any of which could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in or implied by the forward-looking statements. These statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, most of which are difficult to predict and many of which are beyond MRC Global's control, including the factors described in the company's SEC filings that may cause the company's actual results and performance to be materially different from any future results or performance expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements.

These risks and uncertainties include (among others) decreases in capital and other expenditure levels in the industries that the company serves; U.S. and international general economic conditions; geopolitical events; decreases in oil and natural gas prices; unexpected supply shortages; loss of third-party transportation providers; cost increases by the company's suppliers and transportation providers; increases in steel prices, which the company may be unable to pass along to its customers which could significantly lower the company's profit; the company's lack of long-term contracts with most of its suppliers; suppliers' price reductions of products that the company sells, which could cause the value of its inventory to decline; decreases in steel prices, which could significantly lower the company's profit; a decline in demand for certain of the products the company distributes if tariffs and duties on these products are imposed or lifted; holding more inventory than can be sold in a commercial time frame; significant substitution of renewables and low-carbon fuels for oil and gas, impacting demand for the company's products; risks related to adverse weather events or natural disasters; environmental, health and safety laws and regulations and the interpretation or implementation thereof; changes in the company's customer and product mix; the risk that manufacturers of the products that the company distributes will sell a substantial amount of goods directly to end users in the industry sectors that the company serves; failure to operate the company's business in an efficient or optimized manner; the company's ability to compete successfully with other companies; the company's lack of long-term contracts with many of its customers and the company's lack of contracts with customers that require minimum purchase volumes; inability to attract and retain employees or the potential loss of key personnel; adverse health events, such as a pandemic; interruption in the proper functioning of the company's information systems; the occurrence of cybersecurity incidents; risks related to the company's customers' creditworthiness; the success of acquisition strategies; the potential adverse effects associated with integrating acquisitions and whether these acquisitions will yield their intended benefits; impairment of the company's goodwill or other intangible assets; adverse changes in political or economic conditions in the countries in which the company operates; the company's significant indebtedness; the dependence on the company's subsidiaries for cash to meet parent company obligations; changes in the company's credit profile; potential inability to obtain necessary capital; the sufficiency of the company's insurance policies to cover losses, including liabilities arising from litigation; product liability claims against the company; pending or future asbestos-related claims against the company; exposure to U.S. and international laws and regulations, regulating corruption, limiting imports or exports or imposing economic sanctions; risks relating to ongoing evaluations of internal controls required by Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act; risks related to changing laws and regulations including trade policies and tariffs; and the potential share price volatility and costs incurred in response to any shareholder activism campaigns.

For a discussion of key risk factors, please see the risk factors disclosed in the company's SEC filings, which are available on the SEC's website at

www.sec.gov and on the company's website, www.mrcglobal.com. MRC Global's filings and other important information are also available on the Investors page of the company's website at www.mrcglobal.com.

Undue reliance should not be placed on the company's forward-looking statements. Although forward-looking statements reflect the company's good faith beliefs, reliance should not be placed on forward-looking statements because they involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, which may cause the company's actual results, performance or achievements or future events to differ materially from anticipated future results, performance or achievements or future events expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. The company undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events, changed circumstances or otherwise, except to the extent required by law.

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