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Rating Actions - S&P Global

Boart Longyear Limited (**ASX:BLY**) – <u>Boart Longyear</u> announces that S&P Global has reviewed the Company's debt ratings and has taken the following rating actions as a result of the completion of Boart Longyear's recapitalisation on 1 September 2017:

- Corporate credit rating lowered to "SD"
- Ratings on senior secured notes and senior unsecured notes lowered to "D"
- Recovery ratings on senior secured notes and senior unsecured notes remain unchanged at "2" and "5", respectively

S&P explained its rationale for the downgrade, which it foreshadowed in April after the Company announced the proposed terms of the recapitalisation, as owing to the "distressed" nature of the recapitalisation since there was "the possibility of a conventional default without the transaction and noteholders received less than the original amount [of the bonds]." S&P has yet to issue a revised corporate credit rating based on the Company's new, post-recapitalisation capital structure but indicated in its announcement that it would do so "over the next several days."

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