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Avantor Announces Credit Rating Upgrade by S&P Global Ratings

S&P Global upgrades the Company's issuer credit default rating to BB-/Positive

Basis for the upgrade include Company's resilience during the pandemic, solid free cash flow and potential for further deleveraging

RADNOR, Pa. (USA) – August 7, 2020 – Avantor, Inc. (NYSE: AVTR), a leading global provider of mission critical products and services to customers in the life sciences and advanced technologies & applied materials industries, today announced that S&P Global Ratings upgraded its long-term issuer default rating (IDR) to 'BB-/Positive Outlook.

"We are pleased with S&P Global's decision to upgrade our ratings to BB- with a positive outlook," said Thomas Szlosek, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer at Avantor. "Our resilient business model, important relevance to our customers' priorities and consistent execution are driving strong cash generation; and we are confident in the continued deleveraging of our balance sheet."

About Avantor

Avantor®, a Fortune 500 company, is a leading global provider of mission-critical products and services to customers in the biopharma, healthcare, education & government, and advanced technologies & applied materials industries. Our portfolio is used in virtually every stage of the most important research, development and production activities in the industries we serve. One of our greatest strengths comes from having a global infrastructure that is strategically located to support the needs of our customers. Our global footprint enables us to serve more than 225,000 customer locations and gives us extensive access to research laboratories and scientists in more than 180 countries. We set science in motion to create a better world. For more information, please visit www.avantorsciences.com.

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