



ATI Commitments Said to Be Due, N.E.W. Lender Meeting Tomorrow

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March 8 (Bloomberg) -- Lenders interested in backing GTCR Golder Rauner LLC's purchase of ATI Holdings must let Barclays Capital and GE Capital Markets know this week whether they will commit to a \$170 million credit facility.

ATI, the Bolingbrook, Illinois-based provider of outpatient physical-therapy services, is seeking a \$145 million term loan and a \$25 million revolving line of credit, David Katz, a principal at GTCR, who will serve on the board of ATI, said in a telephone interview.

GTCR also will use a \$55 million piece of mezzanine debt provided by TCW Group Inc. for the acquisition, Katz said. The Chicago-based private equity firm is buying ATI from KRG Capital Partners LLC.

"We looked at a range of structures and a range of partners and a range of pricing, and I think we decided that this was the amount and structure and debt that made the most sense," Katz said.

Tracie Kelly, a KRG spokeswoman, didn't immediately return a telephone call seeking comment.

GTCR had been interested in trying to find ways to invest in the rehabilitation business, Katz said.

"We have been aware of and familiar with ATI and its business and management team over a period of the last several years as they have grown into one of the leading providers," Katz said.

He said GTCR seeks to work alongside ATI's management, which includes founder Greg Steil, as it looks to grow by acquiring additional physical-therapy companies and opening new clinics.

"This is about growth and operating efficiently," Katz said.

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