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ENHANCEMENTS TO THE MSCI SMALL CAP INDICES

Geneva, February 23, 2001. MSCI announced today that it will adjust the MSCI Small Cap IndicesSM for free float on or before November 30, 2001, consistent with MSCI's enhanced methodology, as announced on December 10, 2000. The transition will be implemented in a single phase, with all country indices reviewed and rebalanced simultaneously.

In addition to the free float-adjustment, MSCI intends to review the appropriateness of the market capitalization range of USD 200-800 million currently used to define the small cap universe. MSCI will consult with investors in this regard, and will announce its final decision on this issue at a later date.

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