

press release

MSCI BARRA ANNOUNCES THE LIST OF CONSTITUENTS IMPACTED BY THE GICS STRUCTURAL CHANGES

New York - April 03, 2006 - MSCI Barra, a leading provider of benchmark indices and risk management analytics products, announced today the list of constituents of the MSCI Equity Index Series impacted by the changes in the Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS) structure. These changes will be effective as of the close of April 28, 2006.

To create further granularity in the GICS structure, four industries – Life Sciences Tools & Services, Health Care Technology, Real Estate Investment Trusts and Real Estate Management & Development – and ten Sub-Industries will be created.

As a result of these changes, the GICS structure will now consist of 10 sectors, 24 Industry Groups, 67 Industries, and 147 Sub-Industries. The new GICS structure and the updated definitions are available under the GICS section of MSCI's website at www.msci.com.

In the MSCI ACWI Index, 62 companies will change their classification at the Sub-Industry level, of which 58 companies will also be changing at the Industry level and four at the Industry Group level.

The full list of companies impacted by the changes in the GICS structure for the MSCI Standard Index Series and the MSCI Small Cap Index Series at the Industry level has been posted on MSCI's website at www.msci.com under the GICS section.

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