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BARCLAYS AND MSCI UNVEIL FAMILY OF GLOBAL ESG FIXED INCOME INDICES

Benchmarks are first to be based on Environmental, Social & Governance (ESG) factors

New York, NY, June 11, 2013 - Barclays and MSCI Inc. (NYSE: MSCI) today announced the launch of a global family of Environmental, Social & Governance (ESG) Fixed Income Indices, the first fixed income benchmark indices based primarily on ESG factors. The indices are co-branded "Barclays MSCI" and will be independently marketed by both firms.

The Barclays MSCI ESG Fixed Income Indices comprise more than 500 standard and bespoke indices representing the most widely used ESG strategies and investment objectives across three categories:

- **Barclays MSCI Socially Responsible (SRI) Indices** exclude issuers that engage in particular businesses activities that may be restricted for certain investors and are intended for investors whose investment selections are governed by values-based policies.
- **Barclays MSCI Sustainability Indices** apply a best-in-class methodology to select issuers (sovereign, corporate, and quasi-sovereign) with high ESG ratings relative to their peers. These indices are intended for investors who place a premium on companies' sustainability strategies and believe ESG criteria can be applied to identify companies that are more effective in managing the ESG risks unique to their industry.
- **Barclays MSCI ESG Weighted Indices** use ESG ratings to systematically over- and under-weight issuers within a bond index using an objective rules-based approach. These indices are targeted toward universal owners whose investment strategies express a view on the financial impact that ESG factors will have on their investments.

These indices fill a critical gap in the market by providing asset owners and managers with ESG commitments, such as UN PRI (United Nations Principles for Responsible Investing) signatories, with a comprehensive series of performance benchmarks. Additionally, institutional investors will be able to leverage these indices to create index-linked investment products, such as Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs), separately managed accounts, and structured products, based on ESG investment themes.



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Waqas Samad, Head of Index, Portfolio and Risk Solutions at Barclays said: "The Barclays MSCI ESG indices represent an important milestone in the growth of the ESG fixed income sector and reflect our ongoing commitment to expand our family of index products to meet the evolving needs of fixed income investors."

Baer Pettit, Head of the MSCI Index Business, said: "We are very pleased to collaborate with Barclays to bring these innovative products to market. The new indices provide ESG investors with fixed income assets tools to support their asset allocation decisions, benchmark performance, conduct attribution analysis as well as the ability to offer active and passive funds. We expect the fixed income benchmarks to stimulate growth of ESG investment in this key asset class."

About Barclays

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About MSCI

MSCI Inc. is a leading provider of investment decision support tools to investors globally, including asset managers, banks, hedge funds and pension funds. MSCI products and services include indices, portfolio risk and performance analytics, and governance tools. The company's flagship product offerings are: the MSCI indices with close to USD 7 trillion estimated to be benchmarked to them on a worldwide basis*; Barra multi-asset class factor models, portfolio risk and performance analytics; RiskMetrics multi-asset class market and credit risk analytics; IPD real estate information, indices and analytics; MSCI ESG (environmental, social and governance) Research screening, analysis and ratings; ISS governance research and outsourced proxy voting and reporting services; and FEA valuation models and risk management software for the energy and commodities markets. MSCI is headquartered in New York, with research and commercial offices around the world.

*As of September 30, 2012, as published by eVestment, Lipper and Bloomberg on January 31, 2013

About MSCI ESG Research

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