

MSCI Names New Chief Financial Officer

New York – April 27, 2016 – MSCI Inc. (NYSE: MSCI) announced today that Kathleen Winters will join the firm as Chief Financial Officer on May 2, 2016. She will succeed Bob Qutub, who is retiring from the firm.

"Kathleen will bring more than 25 years of global finance experience to MSCI," said Henry Fernandez, Chief Executive Officer. "Her passion for leading high-performing teams and her deep expertise in developing world class financial processes and reporting systems make her a perfect fit for this key leadership position within our growing firm."

Ms. Winters joins MSCI from Honeywell International, where she most recently served as Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for the company's \$9 billion Performance Materials and Technologies division. In her 14 years with Honeywell, Ms. Winters played an important role in partnering with company leadership to drive business growth and profitability. She led transformational change in the company's global finance organization by establishing best-practice processes for strategic planning, forecasting and budget management. She also oversaw internal and external financial reporting, acquisition diligence and financial integration.

"This is an extremely exciting time to join a market leader such as MSCI, especially with the financial services industry quickly evolving and offering enormous opportunities for growth," Ms. Winters said. "I look forward to working with MSCI's leadership team and the Board to execute on the firm's growth strategy and continue to deliver value to MSCI's clients and shareholders."

Ms. Winters began her career at PricewaterhouseCoopers, where she held various positions from 1989 to 2001, last serving as a senior manager within the Technology Information Communications and Entertainment practice. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Boston College.

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