

# MSCI TO CONSULT ON A PROPOSAL TO CONSTRUCT MSCI GLOBAL SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INDICES

**Geneva – February 09, 2011** – MSCI Inc. (NYSE: MSCI), a leading provider of investment decision support tools worldwide, including indices, portfolio risk and performance analytics and corporate governance services, announced today that it will consult with the investment community on a proposal to construct MSCI Global Socially Responsible Indices. The proposed indices aim to support the benchmarking and other index related needs of investors who seek to invest in accordance with their values such as religious beliefs, moral standards or ethical views. The proposed indices will exclude companies that are inconsistent with specific values based criteria and will target companies with high ESG ratings relative to their sector peers.

MSCI welcomes feedback from the investment community and plans to contact some market participants directly to solicit feedback. In particular, MSCI will seek feedback on the objectives as well as the design of the proposed MSCI Global Socially Responsible Indices.

MSCI will announce its final decision resulting from the consultation by March 4, 2011. Please note that this consultation may or may not lead to the creation of the MSCI Global Socially Responsible Indices as proposed in the consultation.

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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 which include over 120,000 daily indices covering more than 70 countries; Barra portfolio risk and performance analytics covering global equity and fixed income markets; RiskMetrics market and credit risk analytics; ISS governance research and outsourced proxy voting and reporting services; FEA valuation models and risk management software for the energy and commodities markets; and CFRA forensic accounting risk research, legal/regulatory risk assessment, and due-diligence. MSCI is headquartered in New York, with research and commercial offices around the world.

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