

## MSCI ESG Research Launches Expanded Canadian Coverage for ESG Analysis across Equities and Fixed Income

**New York – June 5, 2013** – MSCI Inc. (NYSE: MSCI), a leading provider of investment decision support tools, announced today the launch of expanded Canadian equity and fixed income coverage for its MSCI ESG Research products and services. With this additional coverage, clients will now be able to analyze the investable market of Canadian companies and their exposure to and management of ESG risks and opportunities.

The new coverage includes over 350 Canadian companies, including all constituents of the MSCI Canada Investable Market Index and other companies typically considered by investors in Canadian equities. In conjunction with its MSCI ESG Government Ratings product, MSCI ESG Research also covers 96.5% of market capitalization of the Canadian portion of the Barclays Global Aggregate Index. MSCI ESG Research covers over 5,000 companies globally, including constituents of the MSCI World Index, MSCI Emerging Markets Index, and other MSCI Regional Indices.

“Canada is a key market for ESG integration and an essential part of our coverage expansion agenda,” said Remy Briand, Managing Director and Global Head of Index and ESG Research at MSCI. “With this expanded Canadian coverage, our clients have access to a much broader set of companies which will help them understand and compare ESG risks across the equity and fixed income asset classes.”

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## About MSCI ESG Research

MSCI ESG Research products and services are designed to provide in-depth research, ratings and analysis of environmental, social and governance-related business practices to companies worldwide. ESG ratings, data and analysis from MSCI ESG Research are also used in the construction of the MSCI ESG Indices. MSCI ESG Research is produced by MSCI's indirect wholly-owned subsidiary Institutional Shareholder Services, Inc. ("ISS"). ISS is a Registered Investment Adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.

For further information on MSCI ESG Research, contact [esgclientservice@msci.com](mailto:esgclientservice@msci.com), visit [www.msci.com/esg](http://www.msci.com/esg) and join us at the Canadian Responsible Investment Conference, June 17-19, 2013, in Vancouver.

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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<sup>1</sup>; 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.

<sup>1</sup>As of September 30, 2012, as published by eVestment, Lipper and Bloomberg on January 31, 2013

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