

MSCI ESG Research Launches ESG Fixed Income Research & Analysis

London – October 4, 2012 – MSCI Inc. (NYSE: MSCI), a leading provider of investment decision support tools, announced today the expansion of its ESG Research coverage to include fixed income. MSCI ESG Research now provides a set of research and analysis tools allowing fixed income investors to integrate environmental, social and governance factors into their investment process and to measure the ESG risk exposure of their portfolios.

MSCI ESG Research is the first in the industry to provide a fully integrated set of ESG research and analysis tools covering the most common fixed income issuer types, including corporates, sovereigns, supranationals, agencies, and covered bonds. Coverage includes more than 9,000 issuers linked to 260,000 individual securities, and over 90% of the market value of the Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index.

“Fixed income is a major part of investors’ holdings across the world and there is a growing demand for tools that will enable asset owners and asset managers to integrate ESG across asset classes,” said Remy Briand, Managing Director and Global Head of Index and ESG Research at MSCI. “We are proud to provide the first ESG research and analysis tools to help fixed income investors integrate ESG factors into their investment process”.

MSCI ESG Research’s new fixed income offering includes ratings, scores, profiles and reports, available via monthly data feed and BarraOne.

In May this year, MSCI announced a partnership with Barclays to create a family of co-branded ESG fixed income indices.

Meet MSCI ESG Research at the ‘ESG Europe 2012’ conference in Amsterdam and [register now](#) for our webinar on 'ESG Integration Across Asset Classes: Fixed Income' on October 31, 2012.

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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.

For further information on MSCI ESG Research, contact esgclientservice@msci.com, or visit www.msci.com/esg

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 approximately USD 7 trillion estimated to be benchmarked to them on a worldwide basis¹; Barra multi-asset class factor models, portfolio risk and performance analytics; RiskMetrics multi-asset class market and credit risk analytics; MSCI ESG (environmental, social and governance) Research screening, analysis and ratings; 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.

¹As of June 30, 2011, based on eVestment, Lipper and Bloomberg data.

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