

MSCI Emerging Markets and MSCI EAFE Indices Form Basis of New NASDAQ OMX PHLX Equity Options

New York – May 1, 2012– MSCI Inc. (NYSE: MSCI), a leading provider of investment decision support tools worldwide, announced today that the MSCI Emerging Markets and MSCI EAFE Indices form the basis of new index options launched by NASDAQ OMX PHLX today.

“We are delighted to have licensed NASDAQ OMX PHLX for index options based on the MSCI Emerging Markets and MSCI EAFE Indices,” said Baer Pettit, Managing Director and Head of the MSCI Index Business. “The launch of these options provides institutional investors with yet another important tool for managing their portfolios benchmarked to MSCI equity indices.”

The MSCI Emerging Markets and MSCI EAFE Indices are free-float adjusted market capitalization indices. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index tracks the equity market performance in the global emerging markets, with over 800 securities in 21 markets, covering large and mid-cap securities.

The MSCI EAFE Index is a prominent benchmark in the United States, and is comprised of over 900 large and mid cap securities from 22 developed markets outside of North America, including Europe, Australasia and the Far East.

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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 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.

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

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