

## USS Investment Management Chooses MSCI ESG Research for ESG Integration

**New York – November 14, 2013** – MSCI Inc. (NYSE: MSCI), a leading provider of investment decision support tools worldwide, announced today that USS Investment Management (USSIM), the fund managers of the GBP 40 billion Universities Superannuation Scheme (USS), one of the UK's largest pension funds, has selected MSCI ESG Research to provide environmental, social, and governance (ESG) research, ratings, and screening tools. USSIM has subscribed to MSCI ESG IVA for ESG ratings and company, industry, and thematic reports.

Remy Briand, Managing Director and Head of MSCI Index and ESG Research, said, "We are proud to work with USSIM, a long standing advocate of responsible investment. USSIM believes that integrating ESG into its stewardship and investment decision-making processes can benefit the fund's long term risk-adjusted returns." He added, "MSCI ESG Research products support the integration of ESG factors into investment processes across asset classes and facilitate the implementation of the six Principles for Responsible Investment."

USS has been actively addressing ESG issues since it first adopted its Responsible Investment policy in 1999, and was a founding signatory to the Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI) in April 2006.

Elizabeth Fernando, Head of Equities at USSIM stated, "ESG issues have been shown to impact the value of the assets in which USS invests and we continue to strive to integrate extra financial factors into our day-to-day investment decisions. Providing our internal managers access to these data will give them a tool to facilitate this integration process".

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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.

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The company's flagship product offerings are: the MSCI indices with approximately USD 7.5 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 corporate governance research, data 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 March 31, 2013, as reported on July 31, 2013 by eVestment, Lipper and Bloomberg

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