

MSCI Barra Launches MSCI Commodity Producers Indices

New Addition to the MSCI Thematic & Strategy Indices Family

New York – April 30, 2008 - MSCI Barra (NYSE:MXB), a leading provider of investment decision support tools worldwide, including indices and portfolio risk and performance analytics, announced today that it has launched a new set of indices belonging to the MSCI Thematic & Strategy Indices family.

"The MSCI Commodity Producers Indices are the latest in a series of thematic indices we have launched, joining the MSCI Global Minimum Volatility Indices, MSCI Infrastructure Indices, MSCI Short & Leveraged Indices, and MSCI Equal Weighted Indices announced earlier this year. Each set of indices is designed to represent the performance of the opportunity set for a particular investment theme or trading strategy," said David Brierwood, Chief Operating Officer, MSCI Barra.

The MSCI Commodity Producers Indices aim to serve as a broad equity proxy for the performance of global commodities, and are designed to reflect the performance of the universe of commodity producers within the energy, metals and agricultural industries, based on the Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS®). In addition to a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighting scheme, a sector capped version is also available.

The MSCI Commodity Producers Indices may be used by fund managers looking for an appropriate benchmark for an equity portfolio with significant exposure towards global commodities. The indices may also be licensed to serve as the basis of structured products and other index-linked investment vehicles such as ETFs.

A range of flagship indices for the MSCI Commodity Producers Indices is now available on request to eligible clients directly from MSCI Barra. The flagship indices will be added to the existing MSCI equity index products on or before the end of July, 2008. Additional indices can be calculated on client request.

Index methodologies for the new MSCI Thematic & Strategy Indices are available on the MSCI Barra website at www.mscibarra.com/products/indices/thematic_and_strategy

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About MSCI Barra

MSCI Barra is a leading provider of investment decision support tools to investment institutions worldwide. MSCI Barra products include indices and portfolio risk and performance analytics for use in managing equity, fixed income and multi-asset class portfolios.

The company's flagship products are the MSCI International Equity Indices, which are estimated to have over USD 3 trillion benchmarked to them, and the Barra risk models and portfolio analytics, which cover 56 equity and 46 fixed income markets. MSCI Barra is headquartered in New York, with research and commercial offices around the world. Morgan Stanley, a global financial services firm, is the majority shareholder of MSCI Barra.

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