

# MSCI Launches MSCI ESG Portfolio Analytics

## New Reports Assess a Portfolio's Exposure to ESG Risk Factors

**London – 28 June 2012** – MSCI Inc. (NYSE: MSCI), a leading provider of investment decision support tools, today announced the launch of MSCI ESG Portfolio Analytics, a new reporting tool for fund managers and pension plans who want to assess the ESG characteristics and risk profile of their equity portfolios. MSCI ESG Portfolio Analytics is the first reporting tool to provide an objective, standardized framework for understanding portfolio ESG risk relative to MSCI's market leading global equity and ESG indices.

"Demand for ESG integration is growing, but it remains a challenge for many asset owners and managers to assess how effectively ESG risks are taken into account," said Remy Briand, Managing Director and Global Head of Index and ESG Research. "MSCI ESG Portfolio Analytics provides a way for institutional investors to report and engage on ESG risks as it offers a new standard for measuring and benchmarking the ESG characteristics of portfolios."

MSCI ESG Portfolio Analytics reports offer a data-driven visual analysis of a portfolio's ESG characteristics. Important product features include portfolio and index benchmark ESG scores; a portfolio holdings breakdown analysis with the lowest and highest rated positions; and an assessment of key ESG issues such as carbon emissions, water stress, and human capital development.

Pension plans and fund managers can use MSCI ESG Portfolio Analytics to satisfy reporting needs, including those of the UN Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI); conduct internal ESG risk assessment; and identify targets for company engagement. Asset owners can also use the reports to enhance the manager selection process and evaluate how managers address ESG risks.

MSCI ESG Portfolio Analytics is currently available from MSCI ESG Research as a managed service. MSCI plans to make the product available through its Barra Portfolio Manager and BarraOne platforms later this year.

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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](mailto:esgclientservice@msci.com), or visit [www.msci.com/esg](http://www.msci.com/esg)

For further information on MSCI ESG Portfolio Analytics, please visit our [website](#) and register for the [product launch webinar](#) on July 19, 2012.

### 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 basis<sup>1</sup>; 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.

<sup>1</sup>As of June 30, 2011, based on eVestment, Lipper and Bloomberg data.

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