

AEGON Asset Management Chooses MSCI ESG Research and Ratings

London – October 18, 2012 – MSCI Inc. (NYSE: MSCI), a leading provider of investment decision support tools worldwide, announced today that AEGON Asset Management (AAM), the asset management arm of AEGON N.V. and an international provider of life insurance, pensions and asset management products, has selected MSCI ESG Research to provide environmental, social, and governance (ESG) research, ratings, and screening tools to help it integrate ESG factors into its investment analysis and decision making.

AAM, a signatory of the Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI), has subscribed to MSCI ESG Research's full suite of products including MSCI ESG IVA, MSCI ESG Sovereign Ratings, MSCI ESG Impact Monitor and MSCI ESG Business Involvement Screening Research. These products will be used for ESG research, analysis and ratings on key ESG issues across different asset classes and will help AAM assess whether issuers have risk management processes commensurate with the ESG risks they face.

"We are confident that selecting MSCI ESG Research as our ESG research partner will help us to improve the integration of ESG considerations into our investment analysis and decision making processes in all our investment centers around the world," said Sarah Russell, CEO of AAM. "ESG integration is an important component of our broader approach to responsible investment, helping us to meet our commitment to our clients and other stakeholders to be a responsible asset management company."

Remy Briand, Managing Director and Global Head of MSCI ESG Research, added, "We are delighted to be part of AEGON Asset Management's ESG integration efforts by providing their analysts and portfolio managers around the world with in-depth ESG research, analysis and ratings products and services."

MSCI ESG Research products support the integration of ESG factors into the investment process and facilitate the implementation of the six Principles for Responsible Investment.

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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.

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

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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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