

MSCI ESG Research Expands Company Controversies Coverage to Emerging Markets

Complete MSCI ACWI coverage now available in MSCI ESG Impact Monitor

New York – September 16, 2011 – MSCI Inc. (NYSE: MSCI), a leading provider of investment decision support tools, announced today the launch of emerging markets coverage in MSCI ESG Impact Monitor, available on the MSCI ESG Manager platform.

“As interest in integrating ESG into the investment process has grown, investors now are seeking in-depth ESG analysis across all sectors and asset classes both regionally and globally,” said Remy Briand, Managing Director and Global Head of Index and ESG Research at MSCI. “Adding emerging markets coverage in MSCI ESG Impact Monitor is another step in our development process to meet global client demand and to offer a comprehensive and consistent portfolio analytical tool for ESG investors.”

MSCI ESG Impact Monitor allows institutional investors to analyze a company’s significant social and environmental impacts and its ability to manage those impacts. MSCI ESG Impact Monitor also includes assessments of major ESG controversies and violations of global norms and conventions such as the UN Global Compact and ILO Core Conventions. As part of the expanded coverage, MSCI ESG Impact Monitor now also covers companies in the MSCI ACWI Index, a global equity index consisting of developed and emerging market countries.

Through the MSCI ESG Manager platform, clients of MSCI ESG Impact Monitor can generate compliance lists, monitor portfolios for controversies or breaches, and download MSCI ESG Impact Monitor research reports with detailed case by case controversy data, not just the worst violations. They can also monitor new controversies and violations using MSCI ESG Manager’s ESG Alert functionality.

MSCI ESG Manager also includes MSCI ESG Business Involvement Screening Research, covering the global publicly traded universe. This product enables institutional investors to screen a global portfolio of developed and emerging market companies for both company controversies issues (such as child labor, toxic spills, or bribery and corruption) and screening issues (such as involvement in the production of land mines and cluster bombs, cigarettes, or nuclear power).

To find out more about MSCI ESG Research and its new emerging markets coverage, please visit the [MSCI ESG Impact Monitor](#) web page, contact esgclientservice@msci.com or visit our booth at the PRI in Person Conference in Paris today.

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The company's flagship product offerings are: the MSCI indices which include over 148,000 daily indices covering more than 70 countries; Barra portfolio risk and performance analytics covering global equity and fixed income markets; RiskMetrics market and credit risk analytics; 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.

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