

MSCI Completes Acquisition of IPD Group

London – November 30, 2012 – MSCI Inc. (NYSE: MSCI), a leading provider of investment decision support tools worldwide, announced today that its subsidiary, MSCI Limited, has completed its acquisition of IPD Group Limited.

"The closing of the IPD acquisition marks a significant step forward in our ambition to provide investment decision support tools to institutional investors across all major asset classes," said Henry Fernandez, Chairman and CEO, MSCI Inc. "The acquisition of IPD greatly expands our coverage of private markets globally by adding the largest provider of commercial real estate information, indices and analytics. We are excited to pursue the tremendous growth opportunities that IPD brings."

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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 close to 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. MSCIIR#

¹As of March 31, 2012, as published by eVestment, Lipper and Bloomberg in September 2012

For further information on MSCI, please visit our web site at www.msci.com

About IPD

IPD is a global real estate information business operating in 32 countries. With more than 320 employees it provides institutional investors, fund managers, occupiers, lenders, advisors and researchers with objective benchmarks and market indices. Its detailed databases cover some USD 1.4 trillion of property investments. IPD was founded in London in 1985.

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Other factors that could materially affect MSCI's actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements can be found in MSCI's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011 and filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on February 29, 2012, and in MSCI's quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and current reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC. If any of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or if MSCI's and IPD's underlying assumptions prove to be incorrect, actual results may vary significantly from what we projected. Any forward-looking statement in this release reflects MSCI's and IPD's current views with respect to future events and is subject to these and other risks, uncertainties and assumptions relating to MSCI's and IPD's operations, results of operations, growth strategy and liquidity. MSCI and IPD assume no obligation to publicly update or revise these forward-looking statements for any reason, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.