

## Gjensidigestiftelsen Selects MSCI ESG Research for Ethical Screening and Portfolio Analytics

**London – February 13, 2014** – MSCI Inc. (NYSE: MSCI), a leading provider of investment decision support tools worldwide, announced today that Gjensidigestiftelsen, the Norwegian foundation with approximately USD 8 billion in assets under management, selected MSCI ESG Research Inc. to provide ethical screening and external manager engagement services.

Gjensidigestiftelsen has subscribed to MSCI ESG Impact Monitor to ensure that the global companies in which they invest meet their ethical investment standards and MSCI ESG Portfolio Analytics for external manager engagement. MSCI ESG Portfolio Analytics provides clients with the ability to analyze managed portfolios for exposure to ESG risk factors, with ESG performance comparisons to conventional and ESG-tilted benchmarks.

Remy Briand, Managing Director and Head of MSCI Index and ESG Research, said “Working with Gjensidigestiftelsen highlights our commitment to providing ethical screening and norms research to asset owners in the Nordics. We are also excited to support Gjensidigestiftelsen’s efforts to integrate ESG into their investment process by helping to measure and monitor the ESG performance of their external managers.”

“Responsible investment is an integral part of Gjensidigestiftelsen’s investment strategy and walks hand in hand with our charitable mission. As a key financial player we have a responsibility to honour international norms and standards such as the UN Global Compact to ensure we work towards a healthy and sustainable future,” said Knut Nordenhaug, Chief Investment Officer at Gjensidigestiftelsen. “We are confident that selecting MSCI ESG Research as our ESG research provider will help us improve our ethical footprint and facilitate the monitoring and dialogue we have with our external managers on important ESG questions.”

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## About MSCI ESG Research Inc.

MSCI ESG Research Inc. 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 Inc. are also used in the construction of the MSCI ESG Indices. MSCI ESG Research is produced by MSCI's indirect wholly-owned subsidiary MSCI ESG Research Inc. MSCI ESG Research Inc. is a Registered Investment Adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.

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The company's flagship product offerings are: the MSCI indexes with approximately USD 7.5 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; IPD real estate information, indexes and analytics; MSCI ESG (environmental, social and governance) Research screening, analysis and ratings; ISS corporate governance research, data and outsourced proxy voting and reporting services; and FEA valuation models and risk management software for the energy and commodities markets. MSCI is headquartered in New York, with research and commercial offices around the world.

<sup>1</sup> As of March 31, 2013, as reported on July 31, 2013 by eVestment, Lipper and Bloomberg

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