NEPC Selects MSCI's BarraOne and HedgePlatform for Risk Management and Reporting

New York – May 1, 2014 – <u>MSCI</u> Inc. (NYSE: MSCI), a leading provider of investment decision support tools worldwide, announced today that NEPC, LLC, one of the world's largest independent investment consultants servicing more than 300 clients with over USD 700 billion in total assets under advisement, has selected <u>BarraOne</u> and <u>HedgePlatform</u> for multi-asset class risk management, research and reporting. NEPC currently uses the MSCI <u>InvestorForce Report</u> platform for performance reporting.

"BarraOne will enhance the ability of NEPC to manage total plan risk for its clients and to engage in deeper manager research and monitoring, while HedgePlatform will enhance NEPC's ability to perform robust due diligence, monitoring, and risk management of hedge funds invested in its clients' portfolios," said Roveen Bhansali, Managing Director and Head of Risk Management Analytics for MSCI.

"We are committed to providing our clients with comprehensive risk management for their complex portfolios. This broader relationship with MSCI will provide NEPC with leading risk tools for both total plan risk and hedge fund risk. We are particularly excited about the plans to integrate the InvestorForce Reporting platform with BarraOne," noted Dan Kelly, Chief Operating Officer of NEPC.

"InvestorForce is developing a seamless integration with BarraOne risk platform to allow our consultant clients to deliver leading-edge risk and performance reporting via the InvestorForce Report platform," added Jim Morrissey, Managing Director and Head of InvestorForce for MSCI. "The integration will result in a broad range of risk solutions meeting the diverse needs of our consultant clients," said Morrissey.

In January 2013, <u>InvestorForce was acquired by MSCI</u>. The InvestorForce platform is used by institutional investment consultants to report on over USD 3 trillion of assets for over 4,500 institutional plans.

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The company's flagship product offerings are: the MSCI indexes with approximately USD 8 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; IPD real estate information, indexes and analytics; MSCI ESG (environmental, social and governance) Research screening, analysis and ratings; 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.

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