MSCI to Consult on the Potential Extension of its Coverage of the Global Equity Universe

Geneva - May 6, 2010 - MSCI Inc (NYSE: MXB), a leading provider of investment decision support tools worldwide, announced today that it will begin consultations with the investment community on the potential extension of the coverage of its Developed Markets Equity Universe with the introduction of a Micro Cap Size-Segment. In addition, MSCI also announced that it is proposing to extend its coverage of Frontier Markets to the Small Cap Size-Segment.

The introduction of a Micro Cap Size-Segment for Developed Markets would meet increasing demands from investors following a total market investment approach. MSCI Global Broad Market Indices combining Large Cap, Mid Cap, Small Cap and Micro Cap Size-Segments would be introduced in addition and as a complement to the current MSCI Global Investable Market Indices.

The consultation document outlining the proposed index construction methodology for the MSCI Global Broad Market Indices has been posted on MSCI's web site at http://www.mscibarra.com/products/indices/consultations/.

For Frontier Markets, MSCI's proposal covers all size segment indices defined in the MSCI Global Investable Market Indices Methodology, including Investable Market Indices and Small Cap Indices. Currently the MSCI Frontier Market Indices only cover the Standard Size-Segment, with the exception of the MSCI GCC Countries Indices and the MSCI Jordan Indices where all size-segments are constructed.

MSCI will announce its final decision resulting from the consultation on the potential construction of MSCI Global Broad Market Indices for Developed Markets by June 30, 2010. In addition, MSCI will announce its final decision on the potential introduction of a Small Cap Size-Segment for Frontier Markets by June 30, 2010.

Please note that decisions may or may not lead to the construction of MSCI Global Broad Market Indices for Developed Markets, the adoption of the methodology as proposed in the consultation document or the introduction of a Small Cap Size-Segment for Frontier Markets.

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The company's flagship products are the MSCI International Equity Indices, which include over 120,000 indices calculated daily across more than 70 countries, and the Barra risk models and portfolio analytics, which cover 59 equity and 48 fixed income markets. MSCI Inc. is headquartered in New York, with research and commercial offices around the world.

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