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MSCI Announces its Conclusions from the Recent MSCI China A Index Methodology Enhancements Consultation

Geneva – April 9, 2009 - MSCI Inc. (NYSE:MXB) a leading provider of investment decision support tools worldwide, including indices and portfolio risk and performance analytics, announced today that following the consultation feedback from the investment community on the potential enhancements to the MSCI China A Index, MSCI will proceed with the enhancement to the current MSCI China A Index Methodology. Specifically, the enhanced MSCI China A Methodology will follow the MSCI Global Investable Market Indices (GIMI) Methodology, providing exhaustive representation and non-overlapping size segmentation of the investable universe. As a result of the methodology transition, the enhanced MSCI China A Index will be composed of a large cap and a mid cap size-segment.

MSCI will continue to consult on the implementation of the transition plan. MSCI is considering the following two options:

1. The current MSCI China A Index would be transitioned to the enhanced methodology in one single phase coinciding with the May 2009 Semi-Annual Index Review.
2. The current MSCI China A Index would be transitioned to the enhanced methodology in two phases.
 - First phase of the transition coinciding with the August 2009 Quarterly Index Review:
 - The enhanced MSCI China A Index would be rebalanced as per the GIMI Methodology and compared to the current MSCI China A Index.
 - All companies that would be in the enhanced MSCI China A Index but not in the current MSCI China A Index would be added to the current MSCI China A Index at half of their free float-adjusted market capitalization, and all companies that would not be in the enhanced MSCI China A Index but in the current MSCI China A Index would be retained in the current MSCI China A Index but at only half of their free float-adjusted market capitalization.
 - Second phase of the transition coinciding with the November 2009 Semi-Annual Index Review:
 - The enhanced MSCI China A Index would be rebalanced.
 - All differences between the rebalanced enhanced MSCI China A Index and the current MSCI China A Index would be fully implemented in the current MSCI China A Index.

MSCI welcomes any feedback from the investment community, and plans to directly contact some market participants to solicit feedback. The updated consultation document is available on the MSCI web site at www.msclubarra.com. MSCI's final decision with regards to the index transition will be announced on or before April 30, 2009.

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About MSCI Inc

MSCI Inc. is a leading provider of investment decision support tools to investment institutions worldwide. MSCI Inc. products include indices and portfolio risk and performance analytics for use in managing equity, fixed income and multi-asset class portfolios.

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 56 equity and 46 fixed income markets. MSCI Inc. is headquartered in New York, with research and commercial offices around the world. Morgan Stanley, a global financial services firm, is the controlling shareholder of MSCI Inc.

In 2008 MSCI was named Index Provider of the Year at the European Pensions Awards and Best Provider of Benchmark Indices in Asia Pacific at the AsianInvestor Service Provider Awards.

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