



# Consultation

## MSCI BARRA TO CONSULT ON A PROPOSED FAMILY OF GLOBAL HIGH DIVIDEND YIELD INDICES

**Geneva – April 10, 2006** - MSCI Barra, a leading provider of benchmark indices and risk management analytics products, announced today that it will consult with the investment community on a proposal to construct a global family of indices that target high dividend yielding equity securities. In particular, MSCI Barra will seek feedback on the design of such indices, including the selection universe and the screening parameters necessary for the indices to reflect a high and sustainable dividend yield relative to the dividend yield of equity market indices generally as well as broad country and sector diversification.

MSCI Barra has posted a consultation document describing the proposed enhancements and the proposed family of indices on its website at <http://www.msci.com/consultation/> and welcomes any feedback from the investment community. MSCI Barra also plans to contact directly certain market participants to solicit feedback.

Please note that this consultation may or may not lead to the creation of the proposed high dividend yield indices. MSCI Barra's final decision will be announced in advance of the launch of such indices if it occurs.

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