ISS to offer RepRisk analytics to asset owners and other investors

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RepRisk, a provider of data and tools for analysing environmental, social and governance (ESG) risks, has formed a partnership with Institutional Shareholder Services (ISS).

US-headquartered ISS offers proxy voting services and corporate governance information to a wide range of institutional investors around the world. It currently has more than 800 employees in 10 countries.

Under the terms of the agreement, ISS will now be able to offer its clients access to RepRisk's products and services to help them monitor portfolio companies' ESG performance and make decisions about investment, engagement or exclusion. It will also be possible for them to integrate data feeds into existing databases to systematically monitor ESG risks in their portfolios, ISS said.

The arrangement is exclusive, as regards clients in the asset management community, and will involve a revenue-sharing agreement between the two partners, a RepRisk spokeswoman said.

Zurich-based RepRisk's database currently contains information on more than 57,000 companies and 7,500 government bodies.

"As a growing number of institutions, globally, sharpen their focus on non-financial risks, our clients will benefit greatly from access to RepRisk's research, data, and analytics," said ISS chief revenue officer, Stephen Harvey.

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