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## **RepRisk Provides ESG Intelligence for the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI)**

*RepRisk's ESG Data Plays Integral Part in the Assessment of Companies for the DJSI*

**Zurich – September 11, 2014** – Today, 319 companies received a coveted spot in the Dow Jones Sustainability World Index (DJSI), one of the most prestigious and longest-running sustainability benchmarks in the world. RepRisk, the leading provider of business intelligence on environmental, social and governance (ESG) risks, is pleased to announce that, through its partnership with [RobecoSAM](#), it has provided ESG data for the assessment of the companies for the DJSI.

Launched in 1999, the DJSI World tracks the performance of the top 10% of the 2,500 largest companies in the world that lead the field in terms of sustainability. The index is managed jointly by [S&P Dow Jones Indices](#) and RobecoSAM, an investment specialist focused exclusively on sustainability investing.

Specifically, RepRisk's data is used for the Media and Stakeholder Analysis component of the assessment. RepRisk's ESG risk screening, identification and analysis complements the detailed industry-specific questionnaire and extensive documentation that companies provide as part of the annual Corporate Sustainability Assessment for the DJSI.

"RepRisk is extremely proud to provide data for this prestigious and highly influential benchmark," said Alexandra Mihailescu Cichon, Head of Business Development and Marketing at RepRisk. "We believe that dynamic, timely data from third-party commentary and external stakeholders, such as media, NGOs, government bodies and others, is a critical component of corporate sustainability analysis. This type of data and external perspective provides a layer of accountability and acts as a good gauge of whether a company's policies, processes and commitments are translating into performance."

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## **About the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices**

The Dow Jones Sustainability World Index was launched in 1999 as the first global sustainability benchmark. The DJSI family is offered cooperatively by RobecoSAM Indices and S&P Dow Jones Indices. The family tracks the stock performance of the world's leading companies in terms of economic, environmental and social criteria. The indices serve as benchmarks for investors who integrate sustainability considerations into their portfolios, and provide an effective engagement platform for companies who want to adopt sustainable best practices.

The Dow Jones Sustainability Index family comprises global, regional, and country benchmarks. The Dow Jones Sustainability World Index and respective subsets track the performance of the top 10% of the 2500 largest companies in the S&P Global Broad Market Index that lead the field in terms of sustainability. For more information, please visit: [www.sustainability-indices.com](http://www.sustainability-indices.com)

## **About RobecoSAM**

Founded in 1995, RobecoSAM is an investment specialist focused exclusively on Sustainability Investing. It offers asset management, indices, engagement, voting, impact analysis, sustainability assessments, and benchmarking services. Asset management capabilities cater to institutional asset owners and financial intermediaries and cover a range of ESG-integrated investments (in public and private equity), featuring a strong track record in resource efficiency theme strategies. Together with S&P Dow Jones Indices, RobecoSAM publishes the globally recognized Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI). Based on its Corporate Sustainability Assessment, an annual ESG analysis of 2,800 listed companies, RobecoSAM has compiled one of the world's most comprehensive databases of financially material sustainability information.

RobecoSAM is a member of the global pure-play asset manager Robeco, which was established in 1929 and is the center of expertise for asset management within the ORIX Corporation. As a reflection of its own commitment to advocating sustainable investment practices, RobecoSAM is a signatory of the UNPRI and a member of Eurosif, ASrIA and Ceres. Approximately 130 professionals work for RobecoSAM, which is headquartered in Zurich. As of December 31, 2013, RobecoSAM had assets under management, advice and/or license in listed and private equity\* of approximately USD 10.2 billion. Additionally, RobecoSAM's Governance & Active Ownership team\*\* had USD 74 billion of assets under engagement and USD 51.8 billion of assets under voting. For more information, please visit [www.robecosam.com](http://www.robecosam.com)

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## **About RepRisk**

RepRisk is the leading provider of business intelligence on environmental, social and governance (ESG) risks. Born as a due diligence tool for the financial sector, RepRisk runs the most comprehensive database on the ESG risks related to companies, projects, sectors and countries.

On a daily basis, RepRisk screens the negative public sentiment of external stakeholders and third parties such as NGOs, government bodies, print and online media, newsletters, think tanks, blogs, Twitter and more, in 14 languages – and then captures, filters, analyzes and quantifies the data using a systematic, rules-based approach. RepRisk has an exclusive focus on ESG risks – i.e. criticism, controversies and negative incidents related to companies, regardless of sector, country or size.

The RepRisk database currently includes information on over 44,000 companies, 10,000 projects, 7,000 NGOs and 6,000 governmental bodies. These numbers are continuously growing as relevant ESG information is added.

RepRisk data supports transparency, ensures compliance with internal and international standards, and equips the user with material and actionable information that supports decision-making. The use of RepRisk business intelligence allows companies and financial institutions to proactively assess ESG issues that may present financial, reputational and compliance risks. For more information, please visit: [www.reprisk.com](http://www.reprisk.com)