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RobecoSAM's Corporate Sustainability Assessment for the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI) Features RepRisk's ESG Data

RepRisk's ESG Business Intelligence Used for Media and Stakeholder Analysis

Zurich – March 31, 2015 – Today, [RobecoSAM](#), the investment specialist focused exclusively on Sustainability Investing, has announced the launch of the 2015 Corporate Sustainability Assessment for companies who wish to receive 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 share that its ESG data plays an important role in this process.

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

Specifically, RepRisk's data is used for the Media and Stakeholder Analysis component of the assessment, which complements the detailed industry-specific questionnaire and extensive documentation that companies provide RobecoSAM as part of the annual DJSI assessment process.

"RepRisk is extremely proud to have its data used for this prestigious and highly influential benchmark," said Alexandra Mihailescu Cichon, Head of Business Development and Marketing at RepRisk. "We believe that dynamic and timely risk information from third-party sources and external stakeholders, such as media, NGOs, and governmental bodies, is a critical component of assessing corporate sustainability. This type of data provides an external perspective and a layer of accountability – while also acting 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% per industry 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

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 June 30, 2014, RobecoSAM had assets under management, advice and/or license in listed and private equity* of approximately USD 10.7 billion. Additionally, RobecoSAM's Governance & Active Ownership team** had USD 85.1 billion of assets under engagement and USD 53 billion of assets under voting. For more information, please visit www.robecosam.com

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RepRisk is a leading business intelligence provider specializing in dynamic environmental, social and governance (ESG) risk analytics and metrics.

Daily, RepRisk systematically screens big data from a broad range of open intelligence sources in 14 languages in order to identify, filter, analyze and quantify ESG risks (such as environmental degradation, human rights abuses and corruption) related to companies, projects, sectors and countries. This external perspective provides valuable insight on whether a company's policies, processes and commitments are consistently translating into performance.

Since 2006, RepRisk has built and continues to grow the most comprehensive ESG risk database that serves as a due diligence tool and early warning system in risk management, compliance, investment management, corporate benchmarking and supplier risk. The database currently includes risk profiles for over 50,000 public and private companies and 12,000 projects as well as for every sector and country in the world.

Headquartered in Zurich, Switzerland, RepRisk serves clients worldwide including global banks, insurance companies, investment managers, and corporates, helping them to manage and mitigate ESG and reputational risks in day-to-day business.

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