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# **RepRisk announces new partnership with the UN-supported PRI Academy**

Builds on RepRisk's existing work with PRI's Investor Engagement Team

**ZURICH, SWITZERLAND and NEW YORK, NY – November 5, 2014 --** RepRisk, a leading provider of business intelligence on environmental, social and governance (ESG) risks, announced today a new partnership with the United Nations-supported Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI) which will see RepRisk providing dynamic data and research on ESG risks to financial professionals enrolled in the PRI Academy.

This builds on the long-standing relationship that RepRisk has with the PRI, providing ESG data to the organization's Investor Engagement Team (the PRI Clearinghouse). The data enables PRI's signatories to better understand the implications of ESG-related risks, thereby allowing them to incorporate these issues into their investment decision-making and ownership practices.

"Access to RepRisk's dynamic data will be an invaluable tool for those enrolled in PRI Academy courses," said Fiona Reynolds, Managing Director of the PRI. "The PRI Academy is focused on educating financial professionals about how to use ESG criteria in responsible investment practices. RepRisk is a trusted supplier and the data that they already provide to our Investor Engagement team is a great help to our signatories. We are delighted to now have RepRisk on board for the PRI Academy."

"We are very pleased to be working with the new PRI Academy, providing research that highlights transparency into ESG risks such as environmental degradation, human rights abuses, and corruption, issues that have a potential negative impact on shareholder value," explained Alexandra Mihailescu Cichon, Head of Business Development and Marketing at RepRisk. "We've worked with PRI for a long time and this partnership demonstrates RepRisk's commitment to providing insight and data that enables financial professionals to make better, more informed decisions.

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#### About PRI

The United Nations-supported Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI) Initiative is an international network of investors working together to put the six Principles for Responsible Investment into practice. Its goal is to understand the implications of Environmental, Social and Governance issues (ESG) for investors and support signatories to incorporate these issues into their investment decision making and ownership practices. The PRI has 1,300 signatories from around the world, who collectively represent US\$ 45 trillion Assets under Management (AUM). In implementing the Principles, signatories contribute to the development of a more sustainable global financial system. Visit www.unpri.org.

### **About PRI Academy**

The PRI acquired the Responsible Investment Academy, the world's leading responsible investment education business, which has trained 1,200 investment professionals across 40 countries since its launch in 2010. It encompasses three courses – RI Essentials, RI Fundamentals and Enhanced Financial Analysis – all designed to educate investment professionals about environmental, social and governance issues. Visit <u>www.priacademy.org.</u>

#### **About RepRisk**

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 46,000 public and private companies and 11,000 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.

RepRisk provides the transparency needed to enable better, more informed decisions. For more information, please visit <u>www.reprisk.com</u> or follow us on <u>Twitter</u>.