





# RepRisk risk data now available to academic institutions across the world

Partnership with The Wharton School facilitates academic research on ESG risks

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**Zurich, Switzerland and Philadelphia, PA, USA – October 20, 2015** – RepRisk is pleased to announce the integration of its ESG risk data into Wharton Research Data Services (WRDS), the award-winning data research platform and business intelligence tool.

Part of the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, WRDS offers a powerful data management and computing platform that serves over 30,000 users in 33 countries. WRDS is trusted by universities around the world and plays a fundamental role to accelerate impactful research and enhance learning.

RepRisk, the leading ESG business intelligence firm, becomes the first provider of ESG risk data on WRDS. The partnership aims to facilitate academic research in a broad range of disciplines including credit risk, investment analysis, supply chain, corporate benchmarking, and more.

Running the most comprehensive database on ESG risks, RepRisk harnesses a proprietary, systematic framework that leverages cutting-edge technology and hands-on human intelligence in 15 languages to curate and deliver dynamic risk information on over 58,000 public and private companies.

"RepRisk has been a pioneer in the ESG research industry," said Bob Zarazowski, Managing Director of WRDS. "We are excited to add RepRisk data to our research platform, giving academic institutions access to a comprehensive and unique data set that has established a proven track record within the business community over the last decade."

"We are excited and proud to partner with WRDS to provide academic researchers with ESG risk data," stated Alexandra Mihailescu Cichon, Head of Business Development and Marketing at RepRisk. "RepRisk's data has already been used in award-winning academic research – and through this partnership we want to enable academic institutions everywhere in the world to undertake innovative research on ESG risks."

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### **About WRDS:**

Wharton Research Data Services (WRDS) provides the leading business intelligence, data analytics, and financial research platform for global institutions dedicated to providing comprehensive thought leadership and historical analysis. Part of the Wharton School, WRDS is a powerful computing platform that provides unparalleled access to global financial data, research utilities, and insight into the latest innovations in academic research. As the leading data research platform for over 30,000 commercial, academic, government and nonprofit clients in 33 countries—WRDS is the global gold standard in data management and research, all backed by the credibility and leadership of the Wharton School.

## **About the Wharton School:**

Founded in 1881 as the first collegiate business school, the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania is recognized globally for intellectual leadership and ongoing innovation across every major discipline of business education. With a broad global community and one of the most published business school faculties, Wharton creates economic and social value around the world. The School has 5,000 undergraduate, MBA, executive MBA, and doctoral students; more than 9,000 participants in executive education programs annually and a powerful alumni network of 94,000 graduates.

## **About RepRisk:**

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

Harnessing a proprietary, systematic framework that leverages cutting-edge technology and hands-on human intelligence in 15 languages, RepRisk curates and delivers dynamic risk information for an unlimited universe of companies.

Since 2006, RepRisk has built and continues to grow the most comprehensive ESG risk database that serves as a due diligence, research, and monitoring tool in risk management, compliance, investment management, corporate benchmarking, and supplier risk. The database currently includes risk profiles for over 58,000 public and private companies, 14,000 projects, as well as for every sector and country in the world.

Headquartered in Zurich, Switzerland, RepRisk serves clients worldwide including global banks, insurance providers, 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.

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