MSCI Inc. Announces New Senior Credit Facility to Refinance Certain Existing Debt

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- MSCI Inc. (NYSE: MSCI), a leading provider of investment decision support tools worldwide, including indices, portfolio risk and performance analytics and corporate governance services, announced its intention to launch a partial refinancing of its outstanding Senior Secured Term Loan B Facility.

MSCI is seeking to obtain a new \$600 million 5-Year Term Loan A Facility, the proceeds of which, together with \$206 million of cash on hand, it expects to use to repay up to \$800 million of the existing Senior Secured Term Loan B Facility and pay related fees and expenses. MSCI is also seeking to extend the maturity of its \$100 million Senior Secured Revolving Facility and amend certain covenants in the credit agreement governing the facilities. There can be no assurance that MSCI will be able to obtain the new facility, the maturity extension or the covenant amendments.

Morgan Stanley MUFG Loan Partners, LLC (acting through Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc. and The Bank of Tokyo Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd.) and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC will be Joint Lead Arrangers and the Joint Bookrunners on the transaction.

About MSCI

MSCI Inc. is a leading provider of investment decision support tools to investors globally, including asset managers, banks, hedge funds and pension funds. MSCI products and services include indices, portfolio risk and performance analytics, and governance tools.

The company's flagship product offerings are: the MSCI indices with approximately USD 7 trillion estimated to be benchmarked to them on a worldwide basis¹; Barra multi-asset class factor models, portfolio risk and performance analytics; RiskMetrics multi-asset class market and credit risk analytics; MSCI ESG (environmental, social and governance) Research screening, analysis and ratings; ISS governance research and outsourced proxy voting and reporting services; FEA valuation models and risk management software for the energy and commodities markets; and CFRA forensic accounting risk research, legal/regulatory risk assessment, and due - diligence. MSCI is headquartered in New York, with research and commercial offices around the world. MSCI#IR

¹As of June 30, 2011, based on eVestment, Lipper and Bloomberg data.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements. These statements relate to future events or to future financial performance and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results, levels of activity, performance, or achievements to be materially different from any future results, levels of activity, performance, or achievements expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by the use of words such as "may," "could," "expect," "intend," "plan," "seek," "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "predict," "potential," or "continue", or the negative of these terms or other comparable terminology. You should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements because they involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that are, in some cases, beyond our control and that could materially affect actual results, levels of activity, performance, or achievements.

Other factors that could materially affect actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements can be found in MSCI's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011 and filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on February 29, 2012, and in quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and current reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC. If any of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or if our underlying assumptions prove to be incorrect, actual results may vary significantly from what we projected. Any forward-looking statement in this release reflects our current views with respect to future events and is subject to these and other risks, uncertainties and assumptions relating to our operations, results of operations, growth strategy and liquidity. We assume no obligation to publicly update or revise these forward-looking statements for any reason, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

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