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## **MSCI Prices \$500 Million 4.750% Senior Notes due 2026**

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- MSCI Inc. (NYSE:MSCI) announced today that it priced a private offering of \$500 million aggregate amount of 4.750% senior notes due 2026 at an issue price of 100% to yield 4.750% (the "Offering"). The size of the Offering reflects an increase of \$100 million from the previously announced Offering size. The Offering is expected to settle on August 4, 2016, subject to customary closing conditions. MSCI intends to use the net proceeds from the Offering for general corporate purposes, including, without limitation, buybacks of its common stock and potential acquisitions.

The notes are being offered only to qualified institutional buyers in reliance on Rule 144A under the Securities Act and outside the United States only to non-U.S. investors pursuant to Regulation S. The notes have not been registered under the Securities Act and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act. This press release does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy the notes, nor shall it constitute an offer, solicitation or sale in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale is unlawful.

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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, 2015 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") on February 26, 2016 and in quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and current reports on Form 8-K filed or furnished with the SEC, and may also include the risks and uncertainties associated with a failure to consummate or a delay in the consummation of the proposed transaction, including as a result of a failure to satisfy the conditions to closing in a timely manner or at all. If any of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or if our underlying assumptions prove to be incorrect, actual results may vary significantly from what MSCI projected. Any forward-looking statement in this press release reflects MSCI's current views with respect to future events and is subject to these and other risks, uncertainties and assumptions relating to MSCI's operations, results of operations, growth strategy and liquidity. MSCI assumes 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, except as required by law.

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