



MSCI Ranked #18 in Forbes "200 Best Small Companies in America"

NEW YORK, Nov 13, 2009 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- MSCI Inc. (NYSE:MXB), a leading provider of investment decision support tools worldwide, is pleased to announce that the company has been ranked #18 in Forbes magazine's "200 Best Small Companies in America 2009."

The Forbes listing recognizes "the top-performing, publicly held up-and-comers" and is based on a number of factors including sales and earnings growth, and return on equity. This is the first year that MSCI Inc. has been included in the ranking and the high position reflects the Company's solid performance this year, in an environment where many of its clients and competitors fared less well.

"This is a tremendous achievement for us as a firm and a sound endorsement of our employees' hard work and determination to succeed in what has been a challenging year for the entire industry," said Henry Fernandez, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of MSCI Inc.

"Since our IPO just under two years ago the market environment has changed considerably. However, the strong management and cost discipline that is evident throughout the firm, as well as the expertise and dedication of our employees around the world, means that we have been able to address the challenges of the past 18 months but remain well placed to take advantage of the tremendous opportunities ahead," he added. "As we move into 2010 we will continue to invest in our staff, our infrastructure and our products to ensure we retain our position as a leading provider of investment decision support tools."

About MSCI Inc.

MSCI Inc. is a leading provider of investment decision support tools to investment institutions worldwide. MSCI Inc. products include indices and portfolio risk and performance analytics for use in managing equity, fixed income and multi-asset class portfolios.

The Company's flagship products are the MSCI International Equity Indices, which include over 120,000 indices calculated daily across more than 70 countries, and the Barra risk models and portfolio analytics, which cover 56 equity and 46 fixed income markets. MSCI Inc. is headquartered in New York, with research and commercial offices around the world. MXB#IR

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Forward-Looking Statements

This document contains certain forward-looking statements concerning MSCI's current expectations as to future growth and investment. These statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results to be materially different from those projected in these forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements should be read in conjunction with MSCI's disclosures set forth in its 2008 Annual Report on Form 10-K and Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ending August 31, 2009. We assume no obligation to publicly update or revise the forward-looking statements contained in this document.

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