NEW YORK and ZURICH, Sept. 12, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- S&P Dow Jones Indices, one of the world's largest providers of financial market indices, and RobecoSAM, the investment specialist focused exclusively on Sustainability Investing, today announced the results of the annual **Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI)** review. Launched in 1999, the DJSI were the first global indices to track the financial performance of the leading sustainability-driven companies worldwide.

Following RobecoSAM's Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA), the three largest additions and deletions (by free-float market capitalization) to the **DJSI World** include:

Additions: Bank of America Corp, UBS AG and United Parcel Service Inc **Deletions:** Johnson & Johnson, HSBC Holdings PLC and Vodafone Group PLC

The **DJSI World 2013/2014** will have 333 components following 39 additions and 47 deletions from the index. All changes are effective on Monday, September 23, 2013.

The 2013 DJSI review also yielded the following **regional index** component changes:

Regional Index

Additions

Deletions

Total

Components

Dow Jones Sustainability Asia Pacific

24

26

152

Dow Jones Sustainability Australia (*formerly AuSSI*)

10

14

55

Dow Jones Sustainability Emerging Markets

20

8

81

Dow Jones Sustainability Europe

29

18

177

Dow Jones Sustainability Korea

3

3

53

Dow Jones Sustainability North America

22

22

140

Guido Giese, Head of Indices, RobecoSAM: "The DJSI have a double impact. They enable investors to integrate sustainability into their portfolios and at the same time they provide an engagement platform that encourages companies to adopt sustainable best practices. We encourage active participation in our Corporate Sustainability Assessment each year and this year we were happy to see a 31% increase in participation from companies in emerging markets."

David Blitzer, Managing Director and Chairman of the S&P Dow Jones Index Committee, S&P Dow Jones Indices: "The market upheavals and high debt levels of the last few years should remind investors that a long term view of the world and the markets is essential. The Dow Jones Sustainability Indices combine that kind of long run focus on sustainability with index investing to empower investors."

The DJSI follow a best-in-class approach, including companies across all industries that outperform their peers in numerous sustainability metrics. RobecoSAM invites over 3,000 publicly traded companies, including 800 companies in emerging markets, to report annually on their sustainability practices.

The **Corporate Sustainability Assessment** provides an in-depth analysis of financially material economic, environmental and social practices, such as innovation or supply chain management, climate strategy and stakeholder engagement and places a special focus on industry-specific risks and opportunities.

Based on the **Global Industry Classification System (GICS)**, RobecoSAM annually identifies the top company in each of the 24 industry groups. The 2013-2014 Industry Group Leaders are (listed alphabetically by Industry Group):

Industry Group Leaders (2013 – 2014)

Industry Group

Volkswagen AG

Automobiles & Components

Australia & New Zealand Banking Group Ltd

Banks

Siemens AG

Capital Goods

Adecco SA

Commercial & Professional Services

Panasonic Corp

Consumer Durables & Apparel

Tabcorp Holdings Ltd

Consumer Services

Citigroup Inc

Diversified Financials

BG Group PLC

Energy

Woolworths Ltd

Food & Staples Retailing

Nestle SA

Food, Beverage & Tobacco

Abbott Laboratories

Health Care Equipment & Services

Henkel AG & Co KGaA

Household & Personal Products

Allianz SE

Insurance

Akzo Nobel NV

Materials

Telenet Group Holding NV

Media

Roche Holding AG

Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology & Life Sciences

Stockland

Real Estate

Lotte Shopping Co Ltd

Retailing

Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd

Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment

SAP AG

Software & Services

Alcatel-Lucent SA

Technology Hardware & Equipment

KT Corp

Telecommunication Services

Air France-KLM

Transportation

EDP - Energias de Portugal SA

Utilities

For additional information on the DJSI, please visit: http://www.sustainability-indices.com/ and

http://www.djindexes.com/sustainability/
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In 1995, RobecoSAM was founded on the conviction that integrating ESG factors into traditional financial analysis leads to a better informed investment decision. RobecoSAM is a member of the global pure-play asset manager Robeco, which was established in 1929 and was acquired by ORIX Corporation in 2013. As a reflection of its own commitment to advocating sustainable investment practices, RobecoSAM is a signatory of the UNPRI and a member of Eurosif, ASrIA and Ceres. Headquartered in Zurich, RobecoSAM employs over 100 professionals. As of June 30, 2013
, RobecoSAM's assets under management, advice and license amounted to a total of USD 8.8 billion
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