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Update to the Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS) Changes on account of Annual Review of the GICS Structure by MSCI and S&P Global for GICS Direct

MSCI Inc., a leading provider of portfolio construction and risk management tools for global investors, and S&P Dow Jones Indices, a leading provider of financial market indices, announced an updated list of constituents of GICS Direct impacted by the previously announced changes in the Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS) structure. A new Real Estate Sector is being created, elevating its position from Industry Group within the Financials Sector. This is the first time a new Sector has been created under the GICS structure since its inception in 1999, and the update acknowledges the importance of real estate in the global economy.

The changes to the GICS structure will be implemented after the close of business (ET) on Wednesday, August 31, 2016.

Current structure

10 Sectors
↓
24 Industry Groups
↓
67 Industries
↓
156 Sub - Industries

Structure after August 31, 2016

11 Sectors
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24 Industry Groups
↓
68 Industries
↓
157 Sub - Industries

Changes to the GICS structure in 2016 are summarized below:

1. Financials Sectors (code: 40)

Financials Sectors previously included Banks Industry Group, Diversified Financials Industry Group, Insurance Industry Group and Real Estate Industry Group. However, after August 31, this group will be is being promoted to a standalone sector (Real Estate Sector).

The Real Estate Investment Trusts Industry is being renamed Equity Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) Industry and excludes Mortgage REITs. Mortgage REITs remain in the Financials sector under a newly created industry and sub-industry called Mortgage REITs.

Besides, a new Sub-industry for Financial Exchanges & Data is being carved out from the Specialized Finance Sub-industry. The new Sub-industry is being moved under the Capital Markets Industry in the Financials Sector. The new Sub-industry includes financial exchanges and providers of financial support data and tools, including ratings

agencies. MSCI and S&P Global are expected to be included in the new sub-industry after August 31, 2016.

2. Materials Sector (code: 15)

MSCI created the Copper sub-industry under the Metals & Mining industry. The new sub-industry includes copper and mining companies and is split from the Diversified Metals & Minerals Sub-industry.

3. Consumer Discretionary (code: 25)

In the Retailing Industry Group, the Catalogue Retail Sub-Industry is being discontinued. The companies are being combined into the Internet Retail Sub-Industry, which is being renamed Internet & Direct Marketing Retail Sub-Industry. The Sub-Industry will include companies providing retail services mainly on the internet, through mail order, and TV home shopping retailers. The Industry name is also being updated to Internet & Direct Marketing Retail.

Therefore, the new GICS structure will consist of 11 sectors, 24 industry groups, 68 industries and 157 sub-industries. With the changes above, the industry classification of listed company on Hochiminh Stock Exchange will be updated after August 31, 2016.