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STOXX Limited Announces Changes to its Blue-Chip Index Series

ZURICH, September 1, 2004 – STOXX Limited today announced the results of the regular annual review of the Dow Jones EURO STOXX 50, Dow Jones STOXX 50 and Dow Jones Nordic 30 blue chip indexes. The changes will be effective on September 20, 2004.

The following company will join the **Dow Jones EURO STOXX 50**: Credit Agricole (France, Banks). The company exiting the index is: Volkswagen (Germany, Automobiles & Parts).

The following two components will be added to the **Dow Jones STOXX 50**: Ericsson LMB (Sweden, Technology) and Groupe Soc Generale (France, Banks). Components exiting the index are: Bayer (Germany, Chemicals) and Aegon (The Netherlands, Insurance).

The following two components will be added to the **Dow Jones STOXX Nordic 30 index**: Telenor (Norway, Telecommunications) and Statoil (Norway, Oil & Gas). Components exiting the index are Danisco (Denmark, Food & Beverage) and Vestas Wind Systems (Denmark, Industrial Goods & Services).

Changes are being announced today after the conclusion of a regular annual component review. The review is based on the blue-chip rules published on the STOXX web site www.stoxx.com using the August 2004 blue-chip selection lists. The selection lists are based on the stocks in the corresponding Dow Jones STOXX 600 index, Dow Jones EURO STOXX index, Dow Jones STOXX Nordic index and their free float market capitalization as of August 31, 2004.



The component selection lists that are used for the 2004 annual Dow Jones STOXX blue-chip index review are based on the new Industry Classification Benchmark (ICB).

The underlying component data – new number of shares and free float factors – will be announced on September 15, 2004 and reflect all corporate actions effective before the above changes are implemented on the third Friday of September, which is September 17. The changes will be effective on the next trading day, which is September 20, 2004.

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