



## **Note to Editors**

**ZURICH, August 19, 2010** – STOXX Limited, a global index provider and creator of the leading European equity indices, today clarified that it will continue to calculate and publish the STOXX Sustainability Indices, contrary to what was implied in a media statement issued by SAM Group on August 18.

While STOXX Ltd. and SAM Group will end their cooperation, the Sustainability Indices - among them the well-known STOXX Europe Sustainability Index and the EURO STOXX Sustainability Index - will of course be continued to be calculated by STOXX.

The quality and thoroughness with which the STOXX Sustainability Indices are calculated will remain unchanged, and the indices will be provided under the established brand of the index provider STOXX. Going forward, the scope and depth of the research previously provided by SAM – merely the ranking of index components by sustainability standards – will be improved, and delivered by another data provider. Details on this will be released shortly, but for the users of the indices nothing will change.

Further information on the STOXX Sustainability Indices can be found on [www.stoxx.com](http://www.stoxx.com).

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