

MARKET CONSULTATION

STOXX PUBLISHES RESULTS OF ITS MARKET CONSULTATION ON RUSSIAN SANCTIONED COMPANIES

ZURICH (Dec. 17, 2014) – STOXX Limited, a leading provider of innovative, tradable and global index concepts, has announced the results of its market consultation on the recent issuance of sanctions on Russian companies by the European Union (Council Decision No. 833/2014 on Jul. 31, 2014 and No. 959/2014 on Sep.8, 2014) and the United States (Executive Order 13662 and Directives 1 and 2 and 4). The consultation was issued on Aug. 6 and in addition input from the STOXX Advisory Board was considered.

STOXX Limited has reviewed both regulations and the market responses to continually ensure the tradability and consistency of its indices with all applicable requirements.

The issues potentially arising are not perceived by the consulted market participants as an immediate concern to remove the affected companies from the indices. To reflect the sanctions and to mitigate turnover in the indices, STOXX will not implement new equity issuances for the affected companies. These are defined as rights issues, stock dividends and share increase with new shares (not from treasury). The following events are considered not as new equity issuances: stock splits, stock dividends from treasury, dividend, special dividends, spin-offs (unless the spin-off is added to the list of sanctioned companies).

Furthermore, STOXX would revert to market participants in case the affected companies announce their intention to issue new shares and discuss the deletion of the affected companies from the indices.

Current market guidelines in Russia do provide sufficient lead time to inform market participants early enough in case stocks would be removed from the indices. More information regarding corporate actions and new share issue for Russian companies is available on the Moscow Exchange web site.

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