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BLUE CHIP COMPONENTS GLAXO WELLCOME (GB) & SMITHKLINE BEECHAM (GB) MERGE TO FORM GLAXO SMITHKLINE (GB)

- **INCREASED WEIGHTINGS: GLAXO SMITHKLINE (GB) - DEC 27, 2000**
- **DELETION – STOXX 50SM: SMITHKLINE BEECHAM (GB) - DEC 27, 2000**
- **ADDITION – STOXX 50SM: ZURICH FINANCIAL SERVICES (CH) – DEC 27, 2000**
- **TRANSFER – MID 200 TO LARGE 200: SYNGENTA (CH) - DEC 27, 2000**
- **TRANSFER – SMALL 200 TO MID 200: FI GROUP (GB) - DEC 27, 2000**
- **ADDITION – SMALL 200: CIR (IT) - DEC 27, 2000**

Zurich, December 20, 2000:

Glaxo Wellcome (GB0003717849) – the British healthcare company – will merge with **SmithKline Beecham** (GB0001356566) – the British healthcare company – to form **GlaxoSmithKline** (GB0009252882):

- **GlaxoSmithKline's** number of shares will increase from 3,648,064,045 to 6,218,422,684 shares necessitating changes to its weightings in the Dow Jones STOXX 50SM index and the respective Dow Jones STOXXSM Total Market Indexes, Dow Jones STOXXSM 600, Large 200 and Healthcare indexes, effective December 27, 2000*.

GlaxoSmithKline's free float market capitalisation will increase from 113.8 BEUR** to approx. 194.0 BEUR**, effective December 27, 2000.

GlaxoSmithKline's free float will remain at 100%.

- **SmithKline Beecham** – with 5,643,000,000 shares and a free float market capitalisation of 79.8 BEUR** - will be deleted from the Dow Jones STOXX 50SM index and the respective Dow Jones STOXXSM Total Market Indexes, Dow Jones STOXXSM 600, Large 200 and Healthcare indexes, effective December 27, 2000*.

Zurich Financial Services (CH0011075394) – the Swiss insurance company – will replace SmithKline Beecham in the Dow Jones STOXX 50SM index effective December 27, 2000*. Zurich Financial Services's free float will remain at 100%.

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SmithKline Beecham will be replaced by **Syngenta** (CH0011037469) – the Swiss chemicals company – which will be transferred from the respective Dow Jones STOXXSM Mid 200 indexes to the respective Dow Jones STOXXSM Large 200 indexes, effective December 27, 2000*.

Syngenta's free float will remain at 100%.

Syngenta will be replaced by **F.I. Group** (GB0003304176) – the British industrial goods and services company – which will be transferred from the respective Dow Jones STOXXSM Small 200 indexes to the respective Dow Jones STOXXSM Mid 200 indexes, effective December 27, 2000*.

F.I. Group's free float will remain at 94.89%.

F.I. Group will be replaced by **CIR** (IT0000080447) – the Italian industrial goods and services company – with 596,940,925 shares and a free float market capitalisation of 0.7 BEUR** – which will be added to the respective Dow Jones STOXXSM 600, Small 200 and industrial goods and services indexes, effective December 27, 2000*.

CIR's free float will remain at 40.07%.

* This change to the index composition is in line with the “Dow Jones STOXXSM Index Guide”, Version 6.0, September 2000; *Section 5.2: Replacement of Deleted Components, Section 5.4: Mergers & Takeovers, Section 5.7: Weighting Changes and Section 5.8: Free Float Factor Changes.*

The Index Guide is available from STOXX Limited and freely downloadable from www.stoxx.com.

** The market capitalisation quoted – in billion euros (BEUR) – is based on the respective official closing stock price on December 19, 2000.