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## COMPONENT CHANGES MADE TO STOXX BLUE-CHIP INDICES

*Changes are due to fast entry rule*

**ZURICH (December 1, 2011)** - - STOXX Limited, the market-moving provider of innovative, tradable and global index concepts, today announced changes to the STOXX Europe 50, STOXX Asia-Pacific 50 and STOXX Global 150 indices, which will become effective with the open of European markets on December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

In the STOXX Europe 50 and STOXX Global 150 indices, the following changes will be made:

Addition	Deletion
IMPERIAL TOBACCO GRP (U.K., Personal & Household Goods, IMT.L)	AXA (France, Insurance, AXAF.PA)

In the STOXX Asia-Pacific 50 Index and STOXX Global 150 Index, the following changes will be made :

Addition	Deletion
Nissan Motor Co. Ltd. (Japan, Automobiles & Parts, 7201.T)	Nippon Steel Corp. (Japan, Basic Resources, 5401.T)

Today's announcement regarding the component changes in the STOXX Europe 50, STOXX Asia-Pacific 50 and STOXX Global 150 indices is based on the fast entry rule, which was introduced for the STOXX regional blue-chip indices in August 2011.

Under the fast entry rule, all stocks that rank in the "lower buffer" category, i.e. in the top 40 for the STOXX Europe 50 and STOXX Asia-Pacific 50 indices of the selection list during the quarterly index review will be eligible for fast entry into the respective indices.

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**Note to Editors:**

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