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RiskMetrics Group and DSW Announce Proxy Partnership for Germany

ProxyPartner Germany is the First Complete, Fully-Integrated Direct Vote Execution Service for RiskMetrics Group's Governance Clients at German Annual General Meetings

New York, NY (April 3, 2008) - RiskMetrics Group, a leading provider of risk management and corporate governance services to the global financial community, and DSW, Germany's oldest and largest association for private investors, today announced their partnership to offer ProxyPartner Germany, the first complete, fully-integrated direct vote execution service for RiskMetrics Group's governance clients at German annual general meetings (AGMs).

Direct vote execution at AGMs and vote confirmation from issuers closes the gaps in the proxy voting chain and completes the full circle of voting instruction, execution and confirmation. ProxyPartner Germany is a natural companion to RiskMetrics Group's Global Proxy Distribution (GPD) outsourcing solution for custodian banks. By delivering a full vote audit trail to the shareholder, this unique partnership will strengthen corporate governance in Germany with an expected increase in the average AGM turnout.

"RiskMetrics Group and DSW are uniquely suited to offer custodian banks and institutional shareholders the combined benefits of global governance expertise and local experience of proxy voting," said Pete Friz, Global Head of Voting Services at RiskMetrics Group. "We can't think of a better strategic partnership than this one with RiskMetrics Group, the brand known all over the world for its professional and recognized standard in corporate governance solutions, and DSW, the leading national organization for investors," said Jella Benner-Heinacher, Managing Director of DSW.

To learn more about RiskMetrics Group's direct vote execution service at German annual general meetings, please visit: http://www.riskmetrics.com/pdf/GPD_ProxyPartner_Germany.pdf.

About RiskMetrics Group

RiskMetrics Group (NYSE: RMG) is a leading provider of risk management and corporate governance products and services to financial market participants. By bringing transparency, expertise and access to the financial markets, RiskMetrics Group helps investors better understand and manage the risks inherent in their financial portfolios. Our solutions address a broad spectrum of risk across our clients' financial assets. Headquartered in New York with 19 global offices, RiskMetrics Group serves some of the most prestigious institutions and corporations worldwide. For more information, please visit: www.riskmetrics.com.

About DSW

Deutsche Schutzvereinigung für Wertpapierbesitz e.V. (DSW) is Germany's oldest (founded in 1947) and largest association for private investors. Headquartered in Düsseldorf with 8 regional offices, DSW currently has more than 28,000 members. In addition, DSW is the head office of the German investment clubs. DSW represents investors at approximately 850 annual general meetings per year.

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