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CSA Timeline & COVID 19 Update

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Dear valued stakeholder,

We are writing to inform you that we have decided to extend the official submission deadline for the Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA) this year. This decision was made to recognize the new and complex working requirements for many companies due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The new CSA timeline is Wednesday, April 1st (unchanged) to Thursday, July 30th.

This means a general extension of the submission deadline of two months. As a result, the announcement of the CSA results will also be moved. The exact timing will be determined at a later date, based on our monitoring of the CSA process and company submissions. Given the importance of the CSA results in the selection process for membership of the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices, the annual index rebalance, currently scheduled for September, may also be impacted. Further information on this will be published by S&P Dow Jones Indices shortly.

We encourage companies who are able to submit earlier to do so. This will enable us to process submissions on an ongoing basis and to publish the assessment results for all companies as soon as possible. We will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates on the assessment process and any further measures that may need to be taken as needed, latest April 30th.

The **CSA Helpline** will remain open as usual. As of now, the entire SAM ESG Research team is working from home and we are currently assessing how best to organize the CSA Helpline phone. Therefore, **if you want to get in touch with us we suggest sending an email to csa@spglobal.com**. If needed, we will gladly call you back.

We would like to thank you all for your dedication towards your sustainability efforts and look forward to working with you through these challenging times and supporting you as best we can. We wish you, your colleagues and loved ones strength and endurance.

Stay safe and healthy,

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