



The Stock Exchange of Mauritius (SEM) launches its Sustainability Index (SEMSI), and joins the league of Sustainable Stock Exchanges

Mauritius (September 07, 2015) - The Stock Exchange of Mauritius (SEM) has today launched the SEM Sustainability Index (SEMSI), a new Index comprising listed companies of both the Official Market and the DEM that demonstrate good sustainability performance based on a set of established criteria inspired from the Global Reporting Initiative G4 guidelines. By setting up SEMSI, the SEM has embraced a leading role in creating a more sustainable capital market and in promoting responsible investment. SEMSI also fits with the national initiative for a sustainable Mauritius.

SEMSI has an integrated approach and takes into consideration all four key pillars of sustainability (economic, environmental, social and corporate governance). The SEMSI criteria of eligibility are based on the Global Reporting Initiative G4 Guidelines and are aligned with international ESG and related sustainability norms, while also taking local imperatives into account. The criteria are intended to be updated and developed over time, with the aim of encouraging constant improvement in sustainability performance.

"By setting up SEMSI, the SEM has taken a leading role in creating a more sustainable capital market. SEM will soon become a signatory and Partner Exchange of the United Nation's Sustainable Stock Exchanges initiative. SEMSI will thus add another dimension to SEM's Internationalisation process, increase its visibility and showcase Mauritius's leadership in the field of sustainability and good governance. We hope that SEMSI will also attract more investment flows towards our sustainable listed companies from international funds which place sustainability and good governance high on their investibility criteria." said the Chief Executive of the SEM, Sunil Benimadhu.

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About The Stock Exchange of Mauritius Ltd (SEM)

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