

## **Mexican Stock Exchange hires EIRIS to develop new Sustainability Index**

**The Mexican Stock Exchange (BMV) is partnering with global responsible investment research specialists EIRIS to develop its new sustainability index.**

BMV's new sustainability index will assess companies according to a range of environmental and social sustainability and corporate governance criteria, which are designed to reflect internationally recognised standards of corporate social responsibility. The sustainability index is due to be formally launched at the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Cancún, Mexico, in November 2010.

EIRIS, along with its newly-appointed local research partner in Mexico, Ecobanca, is advising the BMV on how best to enhance corporate transparency and performance on sustainability issues amongst Mexican-listed companies, and is working with the exchange on the development of listing criteria and assessment methodology for the new sustainability index.

Peter Webster, Executive Director at EIRIS said: "Stock exchanges have a key role to play in promoting sustainability, transparency and disclosure and we are delighted to be working with BMV on the development of its new Sustainability Index. This partnership comes at an exciting time for EIRIS as we continue to expand our global research coverage through the recent appointment of new research partners in Israel and Mexico".

EIRIS has more than 27 years of experience in the environmental, social and corporate governance research of companies, and is the data provider for major index providers around the globe including the UK-based FTSE4Good Indices and the Johannesburg Stock Exchange's Socially Responsible Investment (SRI) Index.

EIRIS' latest publication [Sustainable Stock Exchanges: Improving ESG standards among listed companies](#) focuses on twenty leading developed and emerging market stock exchanges and charts the progress in driving improvements in environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues through their listing requirements and products. The publication calls for stock exchanges to sharpen their focus on enhancing corporate transparency and performance on sustainability issues.

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**Notes to Editors**

1. EIRIS [www.EIRIS.org](http://www.EIRIS.org) is a leading global provider of independent research into the environmental, social, governance (ESG) and ethical performance of companies. An independent, not-for-profit organisation, we work to help our clients develop the market in ways that benefit investors, asset managers and the wider world. Our mission is to empower responsible investors with independent assessments of companies and advice on integrating them with investment decisions. EIRIS now provides responsible investment services to more than 100 asset owners, asset managers, banks, stock brokers and governments around the world - as well as major index providers. We have over 25 years experience of promoting responsible investment and helping consumers, charities and advisers invest responsibly.
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