

Media release

**SAM Announces AuSSI Review 2008**  
*11 Australian companies added to and  
 5 companies deleted from Australian SAM Sustainability Index*

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ZURICH/MELBOURNE (Dec. 19, 2008) — SAM, a leading provider of sustainability investing products, today announced the results of the annual review for the Australian SAM Sustainability Index (AuSSI). Effective with the opening of equity markets next Monday, the AuSSI will have 11 companies added and 5 firms deleted. The changes reflect SAM's latest analysis of sustainability leadership in corporate Australia and will bring the total number of AuSSI constituents to 72. The additions to and deletions from the AuSSI as a result of the annual review 2008 are the following:

| <b>Additions</b>           | <b>Deletions</b>                              |
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| Caltex Australia Ltd.      | Consolidated Media Holdings Ltd.              |
| CSR Ltd.                   | Great Southern Ltd.                           |
| GWA International Ltd.     | Macquarie Communications Infrastructure Group |
| Macarthur Coal Ltd.        | OZ Minerals Ltd.                              |
| Macquarie Office Trust     | Sigma Pharmaceuticals Ltd.                    |
| Minara Resources Ltd.      |   |
| OneSteel Ltd.              |   |
| Sims Metal Management Ltd. |   |
| Ten Network Holdings Ltd.  |   |
| United Group Ltd.          |   |
| WorleyParsons Ltd.         |   |

The complete list of new AuSSI constituents is available at [www.aussi.net.au](http://www.aussi.net.au).

SAM launched the AuSSI in early 2005 in cooperation with EPA Victoria (Environment Protection Authority) to track the financial performance of the country's sustainability leaders. Since then the index has outperformed the overall Australian equity market as measured by the S&P/ASX 200 Index by more than 2 percentage points.

Based on a 'best-in-class approach', the AuSSI comprises the top companies in terms of economic, environmental and social criteria from each of 21 industry clusters. It applies the same research criteria as the globally recognized Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes for which SAM identifies sustainability leaders on a worldwide scale. The underlying analysis covers a wide range of issues including corporate governance, risk management, branding, climate change mitigation, supply chain standards and labor practices.

"The AuSSI offers market participants an objective and professional reference point to reflect sustainability criteria in their investments. With the annual review of the index, SAM ensures

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that it provides an up-to-date picture of corporate leadership in Australia as well as an incentive for companies to strive for continuous sustainability improvements," said **Alexander Barkawi, Managing Director, SAM Indexes.**

"Financial markets are an essential driver towards sustainability. At the same time, sustainability is a crucial component of long-term financial success. Against this background, a growing number of long-term investors – including many superannuation funds – are moving sustainability up their agendas. EPA Victoria is a proud supporter of this development in general and of the AuSSI in particular," said **Mick Bourke, Chairman, EPA Victoria.**

"Indexes play an increasing role in financial markets as they provide the necessary benchmarks for low-cost and diversified index-tracking portfolios. In Australia, assets in index funds have grown to over AU\$200bn or 12.5% of the total investment management market. The AuSSI provides a solid platform to merge this growth in indexing with the important momentum towards sustainability-driven investments," said **Eric Smith, Chief Investment Officer, Vanguard Investments Australia.**

**Note to the editor:**

SAM was established in Zurich in 1995 as the first financial services group focused exclusively on the integration of economic, environmental and social criteria into investing. An office in Melbourne was opened in 2000. The group's services comprise asset management and indexing. In 1999, SAM teamed up with Dow Jones Indexes to launch the Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes (DJSI) – the first benchmarks tracking the performance of sustainability leaders on a global scale. Today, more than 10 billion AUD in assets are managed based on the indexes published by SAM and its partners.

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