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### Thomson Reuters Appointed by BlackRock as Global ESG Data Provider

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New York – 11 April 2011 – Thomson Reuters today announced that BlackRock, Inc. (NYSE: BLK), one of the world's leading providers of investment, advisory and risk management solutions, has become a client for its environmental, social and governance (ESG) data globally. With investors, particularly public pension funds which BlackRock counts among its diverse client-base, under increased scrutiny to ensure the companies in which they invest are meeting the highest standards, the combination of BlackRock and Thomson Reuters will bring more transparency to the market through the use of ESG data.

BlackRock will be using data from ASSET4, which was acquired by Thomson Reuters in November 2009. ASSET4 provides in-depth ESG coverage in the industry by utilizing over 750 data points and 250 key performance indicators. With over 125 analysts collecting data from a universe of over 3500 companies, ASSET4 offers objective, transparent, consistent and comparable data on ESG performance coupled with a unique analytical engine to customize the information.

BlackRock is a leader in socially responsible investment (SRI) and governance matters and was recently ranked the third leading fund management firm for SRI in the Thomson Reuters Extel and UKSIF 2010 Socially Responsible Investing & Sustainability Survey. BlackRock's Corporate Governance & Responsible Investment team consists of nearly 20 dedicated professionals strategically positioned to leverage BlackRock's global portfolio management resources. The team spans six offices around the globe, votes at shareholder meetings across 75 countries, and engages with over a thousand issuers a year to protect and enhance the economic value of the companies in which they invest.

"Having an asset manager of the caliber of BlackRock recognize our data as fundamental to the investment process is yet another sign that analysis of a broad spectrum of information is becoming a necessary component of the mainstream investment process," said Henrik Steffensen, vice president, commercial strategy of ESG at Thomson Reuters. "An increasing number of clients such as BlackRock are demanding more flexibility to apply sector and country specific criteria in their investment research and Thomson Reuters is proud to be leading the way in providing the tools the asset management industry needs to bring transparency to their clients and the market.

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