

S&P/CSE Sector and Industry Group Indices Jointly Launched by S&P Dow Jones Indices, Colombo Stock Exchange

Featuring a Comprehensive Set of Benchmarks That Effectively Measure Sri Lanka's Economy

New York and Colombo, April 6th, 2016: S&P Dow Jones Indices ("S&P DJI"), one of the world's leading index providers, and the Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE) today jointly announced the launch of the **S&P/CSE Sector and Industry Group Indices**. The comprehensive index series is designed to measure the performance of various sectors and industry groups within the Sri Lankan equity market, as defined by the Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS®).

The S&P/CSE Sector and Industry Group Indices were developed based on the universe of common stocks listed on the CSE. Featuring a transparent, rules-based methodology, all indices are weighted by their total market capitalization. The index family includes the following sector indices, which are further divided into industry group indices (Appendix).

- S&P/CSE Energy Sector Index
- S&P/CSE Materials Sector Index
- S&P/CSE Industrials Sector Index
- S&P/CSE Consumer Discretionary Sector Index
- S&P/CSE Consumer Staples Sector Index
- S&P/CSE Health Care Sector Index
- S&P/CSE Financials Sector Index
- S&P/CSE Information Technology Sector Index
- S&P/CSE Telecommunication Services Sector Index
- S&P/CSE Utilities Sector Index

"Sri Lanka is a unique economy with numerous opportunities left untapped and we have seen growing interest in Sri Lankan equities from both domestic and international investors in recent years", said **Alka Banerjee, Managing Director, Product Management at S&P Dow Jones Indices**. "With the launch of the S&P/CSE Sector and Industry Group Indices, we are proud to introduce to the investment community a comprehensive set of benchmarks that effectively measure Sri Lanka's economy."

Mr. Vajira Kulatilaka, Chairman of CSE, commented "We are excited to elevate the visibility of the Sri Lankan equity market through the launch of this benchmark series by leveraging S&P Dow Jones Indices' expertise in index development and governance."

"We are confident that the launch of the S&P/CSE Sector and Industry Group Indices will further increase the sophistication of the financial market in our country," said **Mr. Rajeeva Bandaranaike, CEO of CSE**.

S&P DJI and CSE started their collaboration in 2012 when they jointly introduced the S&P Sri Lanka 20, an investible index comprised of the 20 largest and most liquid stocks listed on CSE. The launch of this latest index series signifies the deepening relationship between the two parties and S&P DJI's significant expansion in Sri Lanka.

For more information about S&P Dow Jones Indices and the Colombo Stock Exchange, please visit their respective websites www.spdji.com and www.cse.lk.

Appendix

The S&P/CSE Sector and Industry Group indices include the following:

S&P/CSE Sector indices	S&P/CSE Industry Group indices
S&P/CSE Energy Sector Index	S&P/CSE Energy Industry Group Index
S&P/CSE Materials Sector Index	S&P/CSE Materials Industry Group Index
S&P/CSE Industrials Sector Index	S&P/CSE Capital Goods Industry Group Index
	S&P/CSE Commercial & Professional Services Industry Group Index
	S&P/CSE Transportation Industry Group Index
S&P/CSE Consumer Discretionary Sector Index	S&P/CSE Automobiles & Components Industry Group Index
	S&P/CSE Consumer Durables & Apparel Industry Group Index
	S&P/CSE Consumer Services Industry Group Index
	S&P/CSE Media Industry Group Index
	S&P/CSE Retailing Industry Group Index
S&P/CSE Consumer Staples Sector Index	S&P/CSE Food & Staples Retailing Industry Group Index
	S&P/CSE Food, Beverage & Tobacco Industry Group Index
	S&P/CSE Household & Personal Products Industry Group Index
S&P/CSE Health Care Sector Index	S&P/CSE Health Care Equipment & Services Industry Group Index
	S&P/CSE Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology & Life Sciences Industry Group Index
S&P/CSE Financials Sector Index	S&P/CSE Banks Industry Group Index
	S&P/CSE Diversified Financials Industry Group Index
	S&P/CSE Insurance Industry Group Index
	S&P/CSE Real Estate Industry Group Index
S&P/CSE Information Technology Sector Index	S&P/CSE Software & Services Industry Group Index
	S&P/CSE Technology Hardware & Equipment Industry Group Index
	S&P/CSE Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment Industry Group Index
S&P/CSE Telecommunication Services Sector Index	S&P/CSE Telecommunication Services Industry Group Index
S&P/CSE Utilities Sector Index	S&P/CSE Utilities Industry Group Index

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