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S&P Dow Jones Indices and ASX Mark 20th Anniversary of S&P/ASX Index Series

SYDNEY, APRIL 3, 2020: S&P Dow Jones Indices (“S&P DJI”), the world’s leading index provider, and The ASX Group (“ASX”), today marked the 20th anniversary of the S&P/ASX Index Series, which includes the S&P/ASX 200, the pre-eminent benchmark for Australian equities. Since their launch in April 2000, the S&P/ASX indices have served as independent and transparent gauges for Australian securities market performance.

S&P DJI and the ASX’s two-decade partnership has paved the way for an expanded set of innovative index offerings in Australia, representing a variety of market segments, asset classes, investment themes and strategies. In addition to the S&P/ASX 200, S&P DJI and the ASX jointly launched several indices starting in April 2000 including the S&P/ASX 300, the S&P/ASX 50, S&P/ASX 100, S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries and S&P/ASX MidCap 50. The S&P/ASX All Technology Index, launched in February 2020, is the latest addition to the S&P/ASX family.

“We are proud of reaching this two-decade milestone with the ASX. In this uncertain and extremely volatile period in global markets, investors need established and reliable indices and benchmarks to help them monitor market performance, mitigate risks in their portfolios and make informed investment decisions.” **said Alex Maturri, CEO of S&P Dow Jones Indices.**

“Benchmark indices, like the S&P/ASX 200, play a pivotal role for investors, listed companies and other participants in the Australian market as guides to liquidity, quality and performance. ASX will continue to work in partnership with S&P Dow Jones Indices to deliver value and opportunity to the Australian market, including by creating new indices and innovative new index products,” **said Dominic Stevens, ASX CEO and Managing Director.**

The S&P/ASX indices have served as foundations for many of Australia’s fund managers, asset owners and superannuation funds in developing both active and passive investment strategies. Asset managers use the indices as starting points in the creation of index-based products such as exchange-traded funds that offer investors a lower-cost way of accessing the Australian market. With an estimated AUD 309 billion of Australian equity funds benchmarked to S&P/ASX indices, the series represents, by far, the most widely used benchmarks for Australian investment funds. Of this total, S&P DJI estimates that approximately AUD 50 billion of assets under management are indexed to the S&P/ASX indices.

The S&P/ASX index ecosystem is also noteworthy for its liquidity. According to S&P DJI’s recent study, the aggregate trading volume linked to the S&P/ASX indices totaled around AUD 2.9 trillion in 2019. This data shows that the indices have a deep ecosystem of liquid, tradable products available to support both active managers and passive funds as they look to enter and exit market positions in an efficient way. The S&P/ASX 200 stands out in particular for its

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associated liquidity, but other S&P/ASX indices have benefited from their links to this widely tracked core index.

For more information about the 20th anniversary of the S&P/ASX Index Series, please visit: www.spdji.com/since-2000

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