Volkswagen AG to be Removed from the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices

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Effective October 6, 2015, Volkswagen AG (VW) will be removed from the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI). A review of VW's standing in the DJSI was prompted by the recent revelations of manipulated emissions tests.

Per the published and publicly available methodology for the DJSI, potential problematic issues relating to any DJSI component company automatically trigger a Media & Stakeholder Analysis (MSA), which examines the extent of the respective company's involvement and how it manages the issue. Following the MSA, the Dow Jones Sustainability Index Committee (DJSIC) reviews the issue and decides whether the company will remain in the index, based on DJSI Guidelines.

In VW's case, the DJSIC reviewed the situation and ultimately decided to remove the Company from the DJSI World, the DJSI Europe, and all other DJSI indices. The stock will be removed after the close of trading in Frankfurt on October 5, 2015, thus making the removal effective on October 6, 2015. As a result, VW will no longer be identified as an Industry Group Leader in the "Automobiles & Components" industry group.

DJSI World Key Facts:

The Dow Jones Sustainability World Index (DJSI World) tracks the performance of the top 10% per industry of the 2,500 largest companies in the S&P Global Broad Market Index that lead their field in terms of financially material ESG factors. These 2,500 companies represent the eligible universe for the DJSI World and are assessed on an annual basis through RobecoSAM's Corporate Sustainability Assessment.

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