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***Corporate Knights* -Global 100 Most Sustainable Corporations list unveiled in Davos**

(DAVOS, Switzerland, January 28, 2009) Corporate Knights Inc. and Innovest Strategic Value Advisors today announced the fifth annual Global 100 list of the most sustainable large corporations in the world. The Global 100 includes companies from 15 countries encompassing all sectors of the economy that were evaluated according to how effectively they manage environmental, social and governance risks and opportunities, relative to their industry peers.

The United States led the way with 20 Global 100 companies (four more than in 2008). The United Kingdom followed with 19 (down from 24 in 2008) and Japan improved by two on its 2008 tally with a total of 15 companies qualifying in 2009. Rounding out the top five countries with the most constituents were France (eight) and Germany (seven), while Canada, Finland, and Sweden each registered five Global 100 constituents. Two-thirds (65/100) of the 2008 companies remained on the list in 2009.

As the Global 100 companies are meant to isolate those firms best equipped to thrive in the long-term because of their holistic approach to managing stakeholder relationships, this year for the first time, The Global 100 traced back all 100 constituents to their year of origin to see what kind of longevity they had demonstrated to date. The average age of the 2009 Global 100 company was 102 years old, ranging from Stora Enso OYJ (1122 AD) to Telus Corporation (1999 AD). In all, 46 of the 2009 Global 100 companies have been in existence for at least 100 years.

Toby Heaps, Editor of Corporate Knights magazine, says, “While markets go up and down, companies like the Global 100 members that prudently take care of the interests of all their stakeholders, offer the best bet for society and investors in the long-term.”

From its inception in February 2005, the Global 100 Most Sustainable Corporations has outperformed its benchmark (the MSCI World Index) by 480 basis points per annum to end of year 2008.

Matthew Kiernan, CEO of Innovest, a New York-based investment advisory firm, whose analysis underpins the list, notes: “The continuing out-performance of the Global 100, even in the midst of the current global financial crisis, provides eloquent testimony—and yet more evidence—for investors, company executives, governments, and civil society alike: superior positioning and performance on environmental, social, and governance issues does provide a valuable leading indicator of better-managed, more agile, ‘future-proof’ companies. And we expect this ‘sustainability premium’ to become even larger in the coming years.”

This year’s Global 100 were recognized at the Davos World Economic Forum at a private dinner hosted by Corporate Knights and Innovest. The dinner discussion explored the question of what will be the next motor to power the global economy, and how investors and policy makers can best rev it up. The dinner featured remarks from billionaire investor George Soros, Chairman of Soros Fund Management, Lord Nicholas Stern, and Nobel laureate economist Joseph Stiglitz.

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Corporate Knights Inc. is an independent Canadian-based media company that publishes the world’s largest circulation magazine with an explicit focus on responsible business. The mission of Corporate Knights Inc. is to humanize the marketplace. Corporate Knights publishes the annual Best 50 Corporate Citizens in Canada as a Globe and Mail insert, and the annual Global 100 Most Sustainable Corporations in the World.

Innovest Strategic Value Advisors is an international investment advisory firm specializing in analyzing “non-traditional” drivers of risk and shareholder value including companies’ performance on environmental, social and strategic governance issues. Innovest was recognized in 2006 as the world’s top independent provider of “non-traditional” research by the Thompson Extel survey of major institutional investors. Founded in 1998, the firm currently has over US\$1.3 billion under structured sub-advisory mandates. Innovest currently has clients in over twenty countries, with offices in Toronto, New York, London, Paris, Sydney, San Francisco and Tokyo.

The Global 100 Most Sustainable Corporations in the World is a project initiated by Corporate Knights Inc. (www.corporateknights.ca), and powered by research from Innovest Strategic Value Advisor Inc (www.innovestgroup.com). Launched in 2005, the annual Global 100 is announced each year at the World Economic Forum in Davos.

Number of Global 100 Companies in 2008 by Country

Country	Global 100
AUSTRALIA	3
CANADA	5
DENMARK	3
FINLAND	5
FRANCE	8
GERMANY	7
ITALY	2
JAPAN	15
NETHERLANDS	1
Norway	1
SPAIN	3
SWEDEN	5
SWITZERLAND	3
UNITED KINGDOM	19
UNITED STATES	20
TOTAL	100

2009 Global 100 Most Sustainable Corporations in the World

Company Name	Country	Sector Team
Acciona SA	Spain	Construction
Accor	France	Consumer Goods
Adidas AG	Germany	Consumer Goods
Advanced Micro Devices	United States	Computers/Electronics
Aeon Company Limited	Japan	Retail
Air France-KLM	France	Transportation
Alcoa Inc	United States	Extractives
Amazon.com Inc	United States	Retail
Atlantia	Italy	Transportation
Atlas Copco AB	Sweden	Industrials/Capital Goods
BASF SE	Germany	Chemicals
Baxter International Inc	United States	Health Care
BG Group PLC	United Kingdom	Oil & Gas
BHP Billiton PLC	United Kingdom	Extractives

British Land Company PLC	United Kingdom	Real Estate
British Sky Broadcasting Group PLC	United Kingdom	Media
Cable & Wireless PLC	United Kingdom	Telecom & IT
Cairn Energy PLC	United Kingdom	Oil & Gas
Centrica PLC	United Kingdom	Utilities
Coca Cola Company	United States	Consumer Goods
Credit Agricole SA	France	Banks
Daikin Industries Limited	Japan	Construction
Dell Inc	United States	Computers/Electronics
Deutsche Boerse AG	Germany	Diversified Financials
Dexus Property Group	Australia	Real Estate
Diageo PLC	United Kingdom	Consumer Goods
East Japan Railway Company	Japan	Transportation
Eastman Kodak Company	United States	Consumer Goods
Encana Corp.	Canada	Oil & Gas
Ericsson Telephone AB	Sweden	Computers/Electronics
FPL Group Inc	United States	Utilities
Fresenius Medical Care AG	Germany	Health Care
Geberit	Switzerland	Construction
Genzyme Corp.	United States	Health Care
Glaxosmithkline PLC	United Kingdom	Health Care
Goldman Sachs Group Inc	United States	Diversified Financials
Groupe Danone	France	Consumer Goods
H & M Hennes & Mauritz AB	Sweden	Retail
Hewlett-Packard Company	United States	Computers/Electronics
Hochtief AG	Germany	Construction
Honda Motor Company Limited	Japan	Industrials/Capital Goods
Iberdrola SA	Spain	Utilities
Inditex SA	Spain	Retail
Intel Corp.	United States	Computers/Electronics
Kesko OYJ	Finland	Retail
Kuraray Company Limited	Japan	Chemicals
Lafarge SA	France	Construction
Land Securities Group PLC	United Kingdom	Real Estate
Lend Lease Corp. Limited	Australia	Real Estate
London Stock Exchange Group PLC	United Kingdom	Diversified Financials
Lonmin PLC	United Kingdom	Extractives
L'Oreal	France	Consumer Goods
Michelin	France	Industrials/Capital Goods
Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Limited	Japan	Industrials/Capital Goods
Muenchener Rueckversicherung AG	Germany	Insurance
Neste Oil OYJ	Finland	Oil & Gas
Nike Inc	United States	Consumer Goods

Nippon Yusen KK	Japan	Transportation
Nokia Corporation	Finland	Computers/Electronics
Novo Nordisk A/S	Denmark	Health Care
Novozymes A/S	Denmark	Chemicals
NTT Data Corp.	Japan	Telecom & IT
NTT Docomo Inc	Japan	Telecom & IT
Panasonic Corporation	Japan	Consumer Goods
PG & E Corp.	United States	Utilities
Pinnacle West Capital Corp.	United States	Utilities
Procter & Gamble Company	United States	Consumer Goods
Prologis	United States	Real Estate
Prudential PLC	United Kingdom	Insurance
Reed Elsevier PLC	United Kingdom	Media
Ricoh Company Limited	Japan	Computers/Electronics
Roche Holdings Limited	Switzerland	Health Care
Royal Bank Of Canada	Canada	Banks
Sainsbury (J) PLC	United Kingdom	Retail
Saint Gobain	France	Construction
Saipem	Italy	Oil & Gas
SAP AG	Germany	Telecom & IT
SCA AB	Sweden	Extractives
Scania AB	Sweden	Industrials/Capital Goods
Sekisui Chemical Company Limited	Japan	Real Estate
Sims Group Limited	Australia	Extractives
Smith & Nephew PLC	United Kingdom	Health Care
Sompo Japan Insurance	Japan	Insurance
State Street Corp.	United States	Diversified Financials
Statoilhydro ASA	Norway	Oil & Gas
Stora Enso OYJ	Finland	Extractives
Swiss Reinsurance Company	Switzerland	Insurance
Telus Corp.	Canada	Telecom & IT
The Capita Group PLC	United Kingdom	Business Services
The Walt Disney Company	United States	Media
TNT NV	Netherlands	Transportation
Toppan Printing Company Limited	Japan	Business Services
Toronto-Dominion Bank	Canada	Banks
Toyota Motor Corp.	Japan	Industrials/Capital Goods
Transcanada Corp.	Canada	Utilities
Unilever PLC	United Kingdom	Consumer Goods
United Technologies Corp.	United States	Transportation
Vestas Windsystems A/S	Denmark	Computers/Electronics
Wartsila OYJ	Finland	Industrials/Capital Goods
Whitbread PLC	United Kingdom	Consumer Goods

