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SAM Group and PricewaterhouseCoopers launch the Sustainability Yearbook 2007 at the World Economic Forum

The Sustainability Yearbook is the world's most comprehensive reference publication for sustainability trends and corporate sustainability performances from 58 specific industry sectors.

For the third consecutive year, PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) and SAM Group will be presenting the Sustainability Yearbook at the World Economic Forum (WEF) in Davos. It offers valuable insights into discussions about the impact of climate change on the investment decisions of investors and the technologies employed for power generation.

The Sustainability Yearbook is the world's most comprehensive reference publication for sustainability trends such as climate change, new energy technologies and the global shortage of natural resources as well as human capital management. In addition, it addresses the current and future challenges for companies in 58 specific industry sectors. SAM Group's research identifies companies which seize opportunities and manage risks deriving from economic, environmental and social trends better than their peers.

SAM Group, headquartered in Switzerland, ranks among the world's most renowned asset management companies for sustainability investments and enjoys an outstanding reputation for its water- and energy-related funds as well as the Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes (DJSI) that it has launched in conjunction with Dow Jones Indexes and STOXX.

Christian Werner, Chief Investment Officer of SAM Group, comments: "Sustainability has evolved from a niche segment to become a promising, future-oriented and attractive asset class. In the coming years, the area of sustainability investments will experience tremendous growth. Today, such investments account for less than one per cent of global portfolio holdings, but that proportion can be expected to increase to 3-5 percent in the next several years."

Media representatives can obtain the Sustainability Yearbook 2007 at no cost via kim-my.schefer@sam-group.com.

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PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) provides industry-focused assurance, tax and advisory services to build public trust and enhance value for its clients and their stakeholders. More than 140,000 people in 149 countries across our network share their thinking, experience and solutions to develop fresh perspectives and practical advice.

PwC is the leader in providing sustainable business solutions. PwC help clients to improve social, environmental and economic performance and create long-term shareholder value, through delivering strategy, governance, performance management and reporting solutions. PwC has over 400 dedicated sustainability experts in more than 40 countries.

PricewaterhouseCoopers refers to the network of member firms of PricewaterhouseCoopers International Limited, each of which is a separate and independent legal entity.

SAM Group was founded in 1995 as an independent asset management company for sustainability investments. Today, it is one of the world's leading institutions in this sector. Its clientele includes banks, insurance companies, pension funds, family offices and private clients.

SAM Group conducts proprietary research in effort to identify companies that excel within their peer group in terms of corporate sustainability criteria. The integration of these forward-looking factors into corporate valuation and the investment process represents the basis for SAM Group's alpha generation. It also provides investors with a sense of social responsibility and a high degree of transparency with respect to their investments.

SAM Group offers investors a broad range of standardised theme products in the areas of alternative energy sources, water supply and revolutionary material technologies. SAM Group also administers a variety of customised mandates (including enhanced, active and unconstrained strategies) for large institutional investors.

SAM Group's expertise is based on its own independent research and an active worldwide network focused on sustainability investments. Together with Dow Jones Indexes and STOXX, SAM Group has launched a family of sustainability indexes to track the performance of companies that are industry leaders in terms of sustainability. To achieve that, SAM Group analyses over 1,000 companies a year. SAM Group has its headquarters in Zurich (Switzerland) with activities in Europe, Australia and North America.
