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Vigeo enhances its ratings capabilities by acquiring access to the world's largest database of extra-financial information from ASSET4

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Vigeo, the leading corporate social responsibility (CSR) ratings agency in Europe, and ASSET4 AG, the leading global provider of objective and measurable environmental, social and corporate governance (ESG) information, today jointly announced that Vigeo has acquired a subscription for the ASSET4 ESG information solution. Vigeo has chosen to streamline its ESG research process by using a professional and recognised data collection service.

*"Having access to the ASSET4 information and analysis tools reinforces our ability to evaluate a company's overall CSR performance", said **Nicole Notat, Vigeo Chairwoman.***

"When we analyse a company we use a detailed and rigorous framework to evaluate its policies, implementation and results. ASSET4 offers a perfect input into this process by providing our analysts immediate access to over 250 key performance indicators for each company. ASSET4 has appeared to us as a reliable source of objective and traceable ESG information, which is why we are happy to be working with them."

*"We are very proud to have Vigeo as our client. Combining their leading CSR rating and analysis know-how and our industry-leading ESG data and tools creates an even stronger solution for their customers," said **Joachim Asbrede, ASSET4 Chief Operating Officer.***

"The recent credit crunch and stock market crisis have profoundly highlighted the importance of transparency and corporate social responsibility for investors and corporations alike, creating a new opportunity for our two companies. The ASSET4 solution offers a rich reservoir of new information and insights to strengthen the rating and analysis services that Vigeo is providing to investors and asset managers."

About Vigeo

Vigeo is the Leading European Corporate Social Responsibility Ratings Agency. Vigeo measures the organisations' CSR commitments, and identifies extra-financial risk and their level of management.

Vigeo provides two services:

- SRI Analysis, Ratings and Benchmarks for investors and asset managers
- CSR Audits for companies and local governments

The Vigeo teams represent a staff of 83 and 14 different nationalities, on 4 locations: Paris, Brussels, Milan, Casablanca.

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About ASSET4

ASSET4 provides professional investors a new generation of investment research information and corporate executives environmental, social and corporate governance (ESG) management and benchmarking capabilities. The ASSET4 information and tools enable clients to improve investment performance, reduce risk, develop innovative products, drive down research costs and monitor the ESG aspects of their companies and portfolios.

ASSET4 has 240 employees and is headquartered in Zug, Switzerland with locations in London, New York, Paris, Frankfurt, Mauritius and India. It is a proud signatory of the UN's Principles for Responsible Investment.

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