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Standard & Poor's Compustat® Databases Bring Market and Fundamental Data to Researchers at the Swiss Finance Institute

An agreement between Compustat and the Swiss Finance Institute provides a vital link between Institute researchers and high quality market information to enhance empirically-based academic research.

NEW YORK, August 25, 2008 – Recognizing that high quality, extensive data sets are an important component in financial education programs, Standard & Poor's Compustat has reached an agreement to provide the Swiss Finance Institute with unlimited access to its Compustat® North America, Global and ExecuComp® databases. The agreement enables over 100 researchers at the Swiss Finance Institute unlimited access to data corresponding to over 55,000 companies from 110 countries representing 88,000 securities.

Standard & Poor's maintains the Compustat databases to the highest standards in data quality, incorporating thousands of quality and validity checks throughout the data collection and database production processes. "Empirical research is only as good as the data on which it is based," explained Swiss Finance Institute Director Jean-Pierre Danthine. "For our finance researchers here in Switzerland, this high quality global data is a fundamental tool."

With a faculty of more than 50 professors and 75 students enrolled in the doctoral program, the Swiss Finance Institute has a significant institutional need for high quality financial information. "The breadth and depth of the Compustat databases enable researchers and financial analysts – whether in academia or investment research firms – to integrate their theories into real world environments. We are pleased to be able to make this important content accessible to the faculty and students of one of Europe's leading financial research institutions," said Mitch Abeyta, Managing Director of Standard & Poor's Compustat.

For more information regarding Standard & Poor's Compustat data solutions or to request a personal demonstration, visit www.standardandpoors.com, www.compustatresources.com, or call our London office at +44.20.7176.8580.

About Compustat Data

Standard & Poor's Compustat® data is used by institutional money managers and analysts around the world. With fundamental and market data on 75,000 global securities, Compustat provides vital company, index and industry information that supports financial models and proprietary company and industry analysis.

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About The Swiss Finance Institute

The Swiss Finance Institute is a private foundation created in 2006 by Switzerland's banking and finance community in cooperation with leading Swiss universities. It supports and advances research, doctoral training and executive education in banking and finance. The Institute is supported by the Swiss banks, the Swiss Stock Exchange, Swiss universities and the Swiss Federal Government.

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