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THOMAS MURRAY LAUNCH GLOBAL CUSTODY INFORMATION PORTAL – MARKETSELECT.COM

Thomas Murray has launched an advanced global custody information portal **MarketsSelect.com** in response to the growing task of accessing and monitoring the status of developed and emerging capital market infrastructures.

Embracing Internet technology **MarketsSelect** provides data and risk assessments on securities markets and Central Securities Depositories (CSD) and tracks over 110 countries globally. The portal brings together information that is not available from another other single independent source.

“The data collection and validation procedures we have developed are one of our key strengths. Our process of collecting and verifying information with third party partners ensures that the output is timely and valid.” commented Derek Duggan, Managing Director, Information Services. “The data is reviewed by multiple local market sources and signed off by the relevant entities themselves, which provides a unique level of comfort and independence.”

“**MarketsSelect** is a strategic intelligence application, which provides users with both prescriptive risk assessments and advanced reporting and data extraction tools, where users can select the specific pieces of data they require from the Thomas Murray pool of data” noted Simon Thomas, C.E.O., Thomas Murray. “Providing data on domestic securities market structures, rules, regulations, systems, and practices in a concise format, using consistent terminology, assists everyone involved in the investment management, trading, clearing, and settlement of securities industry.”

Commercial mandate pressures and new regulatory requirements has placed the burden to make assessments of custody, CSD and settlement risks, with market participants, particularly custodians, broker/dealers and investment managers. MarketsSelect’s data is already used by many wholesale market participants. They will now use the portal as a reliable, timely and efficient method of accessing validated market data in rapidly changing capital market infrastructures to support pre and post investment assessment of markets, compliance and to support internal risk management tools.

For more information visit – www.MarketsSelect.com

ABOUT THOMAS MURRAY

Thomas Murray is an information, ratings and research company specialising in supporting the investment and global securities services industries. The company provides a range of products and services:

- Investor services - assisting institutions evaluate and select global custodians
- Rating services – working with S&P in rating global and domestic custodians
- Network services – assisting banks operating overseas networks evaluate local markets, associated custodial and settlement risks and analyse and select suitable domestic custodians to act as securities correspondent banks
- Information services – local capital market infrastructure information (>110 markets) and Depository Review and Risk Evaluation Service supported by S&P and eight major global custodian banks.

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