



GLOBAL INVESTOR SURVEY TO FOCUS ON LOW-CARBON INVESTMENTS

London / Boston / Sydney, 22 February 2012 – The second annual global survey of institutional investors on climate change has now been launched.

The survey examines how investors are responding to climate change risks in their portfolios by assessing investment strategies, policies, company engagement practices and importantly, investment decisions.

New in 2012 will be a comprehensive assessment of low-carbon investments. The survey will examine investment in carbon markets, energy and water infrastructure, energy efficient assets (including real estate assets) and technologies, sustainable agriculture/ forestry and emission sequestration.

"The investment challenge of the future is to reduce emissions exposure, while finding the revenue generating businesses of the new economy," **CEO of the IGCC, Nathan Fabian** said.

"The Global Investor Survey will provide information on where institutional investors are putting their members and clients money to position for climate change and will provide many important insights to the investment industry, to governments and to companies."

Pension fund and asset manager members of the three climate change investor groups (European Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change [IIGCC], the North American Investor Network on Climate Risk [INCR] and the Australia/New Zealand Investor Group on Climate Change [IGCC]) as well as signatory investors of the Carbon Disclosure Project have been invited to complete the survey. In 2011, 90 institutional investors with combined Assets Under Management of \$21 trillion participated in the survey.

Investors participate in the survey to compare themselves to industry best practices. Responses are benchmarked so that each participant can get a sense of how they compare to peers.

"This survey will help a variety of stakeholders, including companies and policymakers globally, identify the drivers of and barriers to investor action on climate change. It will also provide an important measure of progress for investors themselves," **Stephanie Pfeiffer, Executive Director at the IIGCC** said.

"We see the survey as a powerful tool for sharing best practices, peer learning and improving investor strategies for addressing the urgent challenge of climate risk and pursuing low carbon investment opportunities," said **Chris Davis, Investor Program Director at Ceres and INCR**.

The survey data will be analysed by Mercer who in 2011 published the report *Climate Change Scenarios - Implications for Strategic Asset Allocation*, a landmark report calling for higher investment allocations to "climate sensitive" assets.

Survey responses are due by March 16th. A report of results and accompanying analysis will be published in June 2012.

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About the investor groups:

The Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change (IIGCC) www.iigcc.org

The Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change (IIGCC) is a forum for collaboration on climate change for investors. IIGCC brings together European investors to engage with policymakers, companies and investors on addressing long-term risks and opportunities associated with climate change. The group currently has over 70 members, including many of the largest pension funds and asset managers in Europe, representing assets of around \$10 trillion.

Investor Group on Climate Change Australia/New Zealand (IGCC) www.igcc.org.au

The IGCC represents institutional investors, with total funds under management of approximately \$700 billion, and others in the investment community interested in the impact of climate change on investments. The IGCC aims to encourage government policies and investment practices that address the risks and opportunities of climate change, for the ultimate benefit of superannuants and unit holders.

Investor Network on Climate Risk (INCR) www.incr.com

The Investor Network on Climate Risk (INCR) is a North American network of institutional investors focused on addressing the financial risks and investment opportunities posed by climate change. INCR currently has 100 members with more than US\$10 trillion in assets. INCR is a project of Ceres, a coalition of investors and environmental groups working to integrate sustainability into the capital markets.