

2006 Global 100 Most Sustainable Corporations Announced in Davos

DAVOS, Switzerland, January 17, 2006 – TORONTO, CANADA, January 17, 2006—The second annual Global 100 Most Sustainable Corporations in the World listing will be announced on Friday January 27, 2006 in Davos, Switzerland, during the World Economic Forum.

The Global 100 is the definitive annual list of large blue-chip companies around the world that demonstrated the strongest sustainability performance. The top 100 sustainability performers are chosen from the universe of publicly-traded companies on the MSCI World Index, based on research and analysis by Innovest Strategic Value Advisors. The analysis evaluates which companies had the best-developed ability—relative to their industry peers—to manage the environmental, social and governance (ESG) risks and opportunities they face.

In 2006, over a quarter of the 100 companies on the list are first-time entries. The official Global 100 breakfast presentation on January 27 will include the full list of companies broken down by country, including potential ESG risks or “areas for improvement” for each company. The top-ranked companies in each industry group will also be distinguished as leaders in their group, or best-of-class.

Corporate Knights Editor Toby Heaps will present the rationale for the Global 100 including results of a new pilot study that uses traditional financial valuation techniques to help isolate the effect of sustainable development on company valuations. Innovest Chief Executive Dr. Matthew Kiernan will then present the Innovest methodology applied to determine the Global 100 and the results of a study that shows the financial outperformance of the Global 100 companies relative to the performance of the MSCI World Index. Following Dr. Kiernan, Intel Chairman, Dr. Craig Barrett will discuss Intel's approach to Corporate Responsibility and the company's commitment to socially and environmentally responsible business practices that translate into sustainable competitive advantage.