

# MARKET CONSULTATION

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## **STOXX LIMITED MARKET CONSULTATION ON THE TREATMENT OF RIGHTS ISSUES WITH HIGHLY DILUTIVE TERMS AND INFORMATION ON INTERIMS TREATMENT**

**ZURICH (July 1, 2014)** - STOXX Limited, a leading provider of innovative, tradable and global index concepts, has decided to conduct a market consultation on the treatment of rights issues in the STOXX indices.

STOXX aims to provide investable, transparent and rules based indices. With this market consultation, STOXX intends to ensure that the index rules appropriately represent financial markets' behavior, so that market participants have the most accurate tools at their hands.

The main proposal of this consultation is the review of chapter eight section four of the STOXX Calculation Guide (<http://www.stoxx.com/indices/rulebooks.html>), which details the corporate actions treatments. The consultation is open to all market participants and can be accessed on the STOXX webpage ([www.stoxx.com/indices/market\\_consultations.html](http://www.stoxx.com/indices/market_consultations.html)) and through an online survey (<https://surveymonkey.com/s/XMZYTCL>) until Aug. 15, 2014.

STOXX intends to publish the results of the market consultation as well as an announcement about potential changes to the index methodology no later than Sept. 12, 2014. In addition to responses to clients, input from the STOXX Advisory Board will be considered. *Update: Potential changes to the methodology will be announced after Sept. 19, 2014.*

During the interims phase from today until Sept. 12, 2014, STOXX clarifies the treatment of highly dilutive rights issues as follows: in case of highly dilutive rights issues, the number of shares will not be adjusted until the shares are in issue. The price difference will be adjusted through the divisor. These events are defined as a share increase of equal to or more than 100%. Chapter eight section four of the STOXX Calculation Guide has been adjusted accordingly to reflect this interims treatment.

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