



# Press release

**Executive Board**

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Last October, the FRR launched a process aimed at selecting an outside service provider to produce its first extra-financial reports.

This reporting is designed to allow FRR management to (i) measure the environmental, social and governance quality of its portfolio, (ii) to assess to what extent its SRI investment approach contributes to sustainable development, and (iii) to identify the financial threats and opportunities to which the Fund may be exposed.

This reporting program is also aligned with the UN's Principles for Responsible Investment, which the FRR formally joined in April 2006 ([www.unpri.org](http://www.unpri.org)).

The selection process has now been completed, and the FRR has decided to retain the services of the three following providers, which will render complementary services: **VIGEO, EIRIS and TRUCOST**.

These companies will be asked to accomplish the following tasks:

- ✦ VIGEO will analyze the portfolio of European equities (13.7 Bn €\*) on the basis of the FRR's five SRI principles (appended to this press release).
- ✦ EIRIS will produce a report on compliance with international covenants, in particular those linked to the FRR's first principle (respect for basic human and worker rights) for the global equity portfolio (17.9 Bn €\*).
- ✦ TRUCOST will assess the environmental imprint, threats and opportunities of the global equity portfolio.
- ✦ All of the companies selected will provide the FRR with warning and extra-financial research services throughout 2007.

The FRR was pleased with the quality of the proposals it received and wishes to thank all of the participants in the selection process.

\* As of November 28, 2006.

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## **Socially responsible investment principles applicable to FRR awarded mandates for this approach to asset management**

### **First SRI Principle: Respect basic human and worker rights**

In support of this first Principle, the FRR is particularly attentive to the following items:

- Respect and promote international human rights law within the sphere of influence.
- Practice zero tolerance of human rights violations.
- Promote and ensure compliance with fundamental principles and rights at work:
  - Freedom of association and recognition of the right to collective bargaining;
  - Elimination of all forms of forced labor and human slavery;
  - Elimination of child labor;
  - Elimination of discrimination in employment and career.
- Comply with all international covenants pertaining to the design, development, manufacture, storage, use, transfer and the destruction of chemical and bacteriological weapons and anti-personal land mines.

### **Second SRI Principle: Develop employment by improving the quality of human resource management**

In support of this second Principle, the FRR is particularly attentive to the following items:

- Promote human resource management policy that favors disclosure, dialogue and the active participation of employees in their workplace and business.
- Define and conduct of human resource management policy whose focus is long term and whose language is consistent with the organization's business development strategy. In particular, such policy favors negotiation and consultation with personnel representatives (both at the local and corporate level, where applicable), and actively promotes employment and the durable involvement of employees in the workplace and the business, particularly by providing:
  - Continuing education opportunities for employees throughout their career;
  - Tools and resources that help employees cope with economic change and, in particular, that foster the creation of new businesses and activities;
  - Profit-sharing programs for employees.
- Implement policies and procedures aimed at obtaining ongoing improvements in working conditions, in particular those that relate to worker health and safety, both physical and mental.

### **Third SRI Principle: Assume responsibility for the environment**

In support of this third Principle, the FRR is particularly attentive to the following items (the exact wording will depend on each company's business area or industry):

- Factor the environment into the business strategy. In particular, apply the principle of precaution and work to prevent environmental pollution and biodiversity impairment.
- Strive to develop the eco-efficiency of manufacturing processes as well as products, making efforts to promote and develop environmentally friendly technologies and the use of renewable energy.
- Takes steps to reduce CO2 and other greenhouse gas emissions, as well as the volume and toxicity levels of waste products and water consumption.
- Develop and enforce HEQ (high environmental quality) and energy standards for the company's own plant, property and equipment (production facilities, offices and real estate assets).
- Factor in the environmental impact of the means of transportation used by the company, both internally and externally.
- Develop a policy of full disclosure on the health and safety impacts on employees, local residents and clients of manufacturing processes and products.
- Assume financial liability for accidental pollution related to the company's business.

### **Fourth SRI Principle: Respect the consumer and fair trade practices**

In support of this fourth Principle, the FRR is particularly attentive to the following items:

- Promote product safety and quality. Practice full disclosure with clients, as measured by the laws in force locally and best industry practice.
- Refrain from behaviors that interfere with or prevent the market from functioning correctly, as well as from engaging in behaviors or practices that prevent the exercise of fair trade and competition.
- Promote initiatives aimed at establishing cooperative relationships with suppliers, sub-contractors and co-contractors.
- Make available the tools and systems needed to prevent attempted corruption, racketeering, money-laundering and other business crimes.

### **Fifth SRI Principle: Promote good corporate governance:**

- Corporate organization and draft resolutions submitted to the approval of shareholders should comply with the guidelines pertaining to voting proxies developed by the FRR.