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SOCIETE GENERALE CORPORATE & INVESTMENT BANKING GRANTED FINANCIAL INVESTMENT BUSINESS LICENCE IN KOREA

Societe Generale Corporate & Investment Banking is pleased to announce that today it was granted a Financial Investment Business licence (the “licence”) in Korea by the Republic of Korea’s Financial Services Commission (“FSC”) in Seoul.

The licence will enable the bank to conduct financial investment dealings in securities, equity underlying exchange-traded derivatives and over-the-counter derivatives as well as financial investment brokerage activities in securities and equity underlying exchange-traded derivatives.

These activities will operate under a new locally incorporated subsidiary of Societe Generale Corporate & Investment Banking named “**SG Securities Korea Co., Ltd.**”.

The bank has invested an additional KRW 200bn of capital in Korea since 2011 and will regroup its teams, material resources and other business licences from its existing entity, SG Securities (HK) Ltd, Seoul Branch, into the new entity, as well as add further resources in these areas.

Hikaru Ogata, Chief Executive Officer of Societe Generale Corporate & Investment Banking for Asia Pacific, said: “We are delighted to have received the FSC’s approval on the new licence for SG Securities Korea Co., Ltd., which illustrates our strong commitment to developing our franchise in Korea. This licence marks an important step for the bank in extending its service offering, and will allow us to fully support our clients’ growth ambitions in Korea”.

Inhwan Oh, Chief Executive Officer of SG Securities Korea Co., Ltd., said: “The bank started providing banking services in Korea in 1983 and securities brokerage services in 1998. With its licence and new local incorporation in Korea, Societe Generale Corporate & Investment Banking will be able to cement its position as a leading issuer of derivatives-linked securities in the market and fully fledged provider of financial services to its Korean clients, from structured products to corporate financial services”.

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- Corporate and investment banking with a global expertise in investment banking, financing and global markets.

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