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FISD and IMD Jointly Announce Asia Financial Information Summit

Event Recognizes the Increasing Importance of Asia-Pacific in Global Financial Community

Washington, DC, June 6, 2006 The Financial Information Services Division (FISD) of the Software & Information Industry Association and *Inside Market Data* today announced a comprehensive two day program that will address the issues facing the Pacific Rim financial information industry, as well as provide a platform for sharing US and European market data issues and practices. The **Asia Financial Information Summit 2006** will encompass two programs: FISD's *Asia Regional Conference* and *Inside Market Data Asia 2006*. This unprecedented event recognizes the increasing importance of the Asia-Pacific region within the global financial information community.

FISD's *Asia Regional Conference* will provide a variety of perspectives on the major issues that face the global financial information community and provide attendees with a unique opportunity to discuss these issues among their industry peers, as well as understand FISD's ongoing activities related to these issues. FISD is the global, neutral membership forum for all members of the global financial information community.

"The Asia Regional Conference will allow greater global access to the ground-breaking work that FISD has been conducting in the US and Europe," said Tom Davin, VP and Managing Director of FISD. "The Pacific Rim is a crucial part of the market data economy and we are pleased to have this opportunity to reach out to this region."

Inside Market Data Asia 2006 will discuss and debate the hot issues of the day, in panels and with the audience. Panelists and speakers include top executives from banks, investment managers, exchanges, and data and software vendors. *Inside Market Data Asia 2006* will build on *IMD's* successful inaugural event last year, which attracted 150 key executives from Asia-Pacific and the rest of the world. *Inside Market Data* is the financial industry's weekly source of exclusive inside news and analysis on the global real-time financial information business.

"IMD is pleased to be working with FISD on a project of mutual importance", said Adrian Goulbourn, publisher of *Inside Market Data*. "Inside Market Data Asia 2006 will offer IMD's signature access to top-level executives from user firms, exchanges and vendors."

For more information on the *Financial Information Summit*, scheduled for 18-19 October at the Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel Singapore, go to www.fisd.net/asia.

About FISD

The Financial Information Services Division (FISD) of the Software and Information Industry Association (SIIA) provides a neutral business forum for exchanges, market data vendors, specialist data providers, brokerage firms, investment managers and banks to address and resolve business and technical issues related to the distribution, management, administration and use of market data. Participants use the forum to exchange ideas, build business relationships and improve the business climate associated with the worldwide flow of financial information.

About SIIA

The Software & Information Industry Association is the principal trade association for the software and digital content industry. SIIA provides global services in government relations, business development, corporate education and intellectual property protection to the leading companies that are setting the pace for the digital age.

About *Inside Market Data*

Published since 1985, *Inside Market Data* remains the industry's exclusive source of inside news and expert analysis in the real-time financial information business. Every Monday, *Inside Market Data* is read by market data professionals at banks and securities firms around the world to track new services, pricing and content changes and market data management strategies. *Inside Market Data* gives its readers a concise report of forward-looking news and value-added analysis, provoking questions and providing perspective on all the latest issues.