

S&P U.S. Commercial Paper Index Update

New York, June 29, 2009 – From Standard & Poor’s Index Services. The S&P U.S. Commercial Paper Index ended last week with a year-to-date total return of 0.484%. Short term yields seem to be holding steadily below 0.40% as the Index weighted average yield to maturity (YTM) ended the week at 0.317%.

Yields remain low as supply and federal intervention via the CPFF impact the market. The spread of the S&P U.S. Commercial Paper Index weighted average yield over the three-month U.S. T-bill ended the week at 12bps, consistent with last weeks spread of 11 bps. The spread to one month LIBOR ended the week at 1bp. Interesting to note that the yield spread between financial and non-financial issuers was as wide as 120 bps in October 2008 and now has come back more toward traditional levels.

Key weekly market data for commercial paper reported by the Federal Reserve shows that the overall commercial paper market continued to contract. According to Federal Reserve data released on June 24th, U.S. commercial paper outstanding decreased by US\$ 48 billion during the week to US\$ 1,154 billion. Outstanding commercial paper for non-financial issuers fell by about US\$ 44 billion while commercial paper issued by financial issuers increased by US\$ 18 billion. ABCP outstandings continue to fall rapidly with another significant decline of US\$ 21 billion. Commercial paper held by the Commercial Paper Funding Facility (CPFF) also decreased, falling by US\$ 8 billion to US\$ 124 billion during the week representing about 11% of the outstanding commercial paper.

Ticker symbols: S&P U.S. Commercial Paper Index Total Return Index Value: SPBDCP
 S&P U.S. Commercial Paper Index Weighted Average Yield to Maturity: SPBDCPAY

The table below displays current and historical data on the S&P U.S. Commercial Paper Index.

S&P U.S. Commercial Paper Index Weekly Comparison Table			
	Inception	Two Weeks Ago	Last week
Risk Characteristics	6/30/2008	6/19/2009	6/26/2009
Index Value	100.00	101.738	101.743
Weekly Return		0.010%	0.005%
One Month Total Return		0.049%	0.038%
YTD Total Return		0.479%	0.485%
WAYM	2.70%	0.30%	0.32%
WA Maturity (days)	62	41	34
Spread to 3-month Bill (bps)	36	11	12
Spread to 1-month LIBOR (bps)	23	-2	1
Constituents	1156	811	811
Distinct Issuers		148	148

Historical Weighted Average Yields

