



## Press Release

### **S&P Custom Indices to Calculate New Suite of Indices for Jefferies & Co.**

**New York, December 20, 2006** – Standard & Poor's, the world's leading index provider, announced today that it has been chosen by Jefferies & Company, Inc to calculate its new suite of custom indices. The 20 proprietary equity indices include performance benchmarks of Initial Public Offerings, companies that have recently repurchased shares or emerged from bankruptcy and companies in the clean technology and energy sectors, among others.

“The calculation of these 20 indices exemplifies Standard & Poor's ability to independently calculate real-time, custom solutions across all sectors and regions of the globe,” says Tim Eisenhauer, Senior Director at Standard & Poor's Index Services. “This agreement enables Jefferies to offer a broad range of index solutions to their client base, while Standard & Poor's expands its already strong position in providing custom index solutions to the investment banking community.”

“These indices will enable our customers to identify new market opportunities, and we look forward to continuing to develop innovative products that enable them to achieve and measure success,” said Ross Stevens, Co-Head of Equity Products at Jefferies.

Full List of Jefferies & Co Indices:

Jefferies Midcap Index	Jefferies U.S. Tanker Index
Jefferies Smallcap Index	Jefferies Global Exchange Index
Jefferies Microcap Index	Jefferies Smallcap IPO Index
Jefferies Global Clean Technology Index	Jefferies Microcap IPO Index
Jefferies Global Clean Technology Energy Generation Index	Jefferies Re-Org Index
Jefferies Global Clean Technology Energy Storage Index	Jefferies Smallcap Share Repurchase Index
Jefferies Global Industrial Biotechnology Index	Jefferies Midcap Share Repurchase Index
Jefferies Global Drilling Contractor Index	Jefferies Smallcap Short Interest Index
Jefferies Global Oil Service Index	Jefferies Midcap Short Interest Index
Jefferies North American Small/Midcap E&P Index	Jefferies Smallcap Biopharma Index

The Standard & Poor's Custom Index Group is an acknowledged global leader in the calculation of Custom Indices, providing unparalleled services in the design, construction, management and distribution of Custom Indices. Drawing on this expertise and a global database of over 17,000 individual stocks, the S&P Custom Index Group provides an independent, flexible and accurate service enabling clients to purposefully design a Custom Index to meet their specific requirements.

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