



## Press Release

### Standard & Poor's Announces Changes to U.S. Indices

**New York, NY, November 17, 2008** – Standard & Poor's will make the following changes to the S&P 100, S&P 500, S&P MidCap 400 and S&P SmallCap 600 indices:

- Wyeth (NYSE:WYE) will replace Anheuser-Busch Companies Inc. (NYSE:BUD) in the S&P 100, S&P MidCap 400 constituent Stericycle Inc. (NASDAQ:SRCL) will replace Anheuser-Busch in the S&P 500, S&P SmallCap 600 constituent Flowers Foods Inc. (NYSE:FLO) will replace Stericycle in the S&P MidCap 400, and Diamond Foods Inc. (NASDAQ:DMND) will replace Flowers Foods in the S&P SmallCap 600 after the close of trading on a date to be announced. Anheuser-Busch is scheduled to be acquired by S&P Global 1200 constituent InBev in a transaction that is still pending final approvals.
- Life Technologies Corp. (NASDAQ:LIFE) will replace Applied Biosystems Inc. (NYSE:ABI) in the S&P 500, and Bio-Rad Laboratories Inc. (NYSE:BIO) will replace Invitrogen Corp. (NASDAQ:IVGN) in the S&P MidCap 400 after the close of trading on Friday, November 21. Invitrogen is acquiring Applied Biosystems in a transaction expected to close on or about that date, pending final approvals. The merged company will take the name Life Technologies Corp.

Standard & Poor's will monitor these transactions, and post any relevant updates on its website: [www.standardandpoors.com](http://www.standardandpoors.com).

Headquartered in Madison, NJ, Wyeth specializes in pharmaceuticals, consumer healthcare, and animal health products.

Stericycle provides medical waste collection, transportation, treatment and disposal services and safety and compliance programs to health care companies. Headquartered in Lake Forest, IL, the company will be added to the S&P 500 GICS (Global Industry Classification Standard) Environmental & Facilities Services Sub-Industry index.

Life Technologies will be a developer, manufacturer and marketer of life science research tools. Headquartered in Carlsbad, CA, the company will be added to the S&P 500 GICS (Global Industry Classification Standard) Life Sciences Tools & Services Sub-Industry index.

Bio-Rad Laboratories manufactures and supplies life science products. Headquartered in Hercules, CA, the company will be added to the S&P MidCap 400 GICS Life Sciences Tools & Services Sub-Industry index.

Flowers Foods produces and markets packaged bakery foods for retail and foodservice customers. Headquartered in Thomasville, GA, the company will be added to the S&P MidCap 400 GICS Packaged Foods & Meats Sub-Industry index.

Diamond Foods processes, markets and distributes nuts. Headquartered in San Francisco, CA, the company will be added to the S&P SmallCap 600 GICS Packaged Foods & Meats Sub-Industry index.

Following is a summary of the changes:

<b>S&amp;P 500 INDEX – November 21, 2008</b>			
	<b>COMPANY</b>	<b>GICS ECONOMIC SECTOR</b>	<b>GICS SUB-INDUSTRY</b>
ADDED	Life Technologies	Health Care	Life Sciences Tools & Services
DELETED	Applied Biosystems	Health Care	Life Sciences Tools & Services

<b>S&amp;P MIDCAP 400 INDEX – November 21, 2008</b>			
	<b>COMPANY</b>	<b>GICS ECONOMIC SECTOR</b>	<b>GICS SUB-INDUSTRY</b>
ADDED	Bio-Rad Laboratories	Health Care	Life Sciences Tools & Services
DELETED	Invitrogen	Health Care	Life Sciences Tools & Services

<b>S&amp;P 100 INDEX – TBA</b>			
	<b>COMPANY</b>	<b>GICS ECONOMIC SECTOR</b>	<b>GICS SUB-INDUSTRY</b>
ADDED	Wyeth	Health Care	Pharmaceuticals
DELETED	Anheuser-Busch	Consumer Staples	Brewers

<b>S&amp;P 500 INDEX – TBA</b>			
	<b>COMPANY</b>	<b>GICS ECONOMIC SECTOR</b>	<b>GICS SUB-INDUSTRY</b>
ADDED	Stericycle	Industrials	Environmental & Facilities Services
DELETED	Anheuser-Busch	Consumer Staples	Brewers

<b>S&amp;P MIDCAP 400 INDEX – TBA</b>			
	<b>COMPANY</b>	<b>GICS ECONOMIC SECTOR</b>	<b>GICS SUB-INDUSTRY</b>
ADDED	Flowers Foods	Consumer Staples	Packaged Foods & Meats
DELETED	Stericycle	Industrials	Environmental & Facilities Services

<b>S&amp;P SMALLCAP 600 INDEX – TBA</b>			
	<b>COMPANY</b>	<b>GICS ECONOMIC SECTOR</b>	<b>GICS SUB-INDUSTRY</b>
<b>ADDED</b>	Diamond Foods	Consumer Staples	Packaged Foods & Meats
<b>DELETED</b>	Flowers Foods	Consumer Staples	Packaged Foods & Meats

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