

# S&P Global Announces Four Directors from IHS Markit will Join the Board of the Combined Company

NEW YORK, Feb. 18, 2021 /[PRNewswire](#)/ -- Following the recent announcement of the merger agreement between S&P Global (NYSE: SPGI) and IHS Markit (NYSE: INFO), S&P Global announced today that [Jacques Esculier](#), [Gay Huey Evans](#), [Robert P. Kelly](#) and [Deborah Doyle McWhinney](#) will become Directors of the combined company upon closing of the transaction – which is expected to occur during the second half of 2021. All four are currently independent Directors of IHS Markit and their joining is conditioned on the successful closing of the transaction.

Mr. Esculier was most recently Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of WABCO Holdings until May 2020, when he announced his retirement from the company. He was also a Director of Pentair PLC until May 2020. Prior to these roles, he served as Vice President of American Standard Companies, President of its Vehicle Control Systems business and Business Leader for Trane Commercial Systems' Europe, Middle East, Africa, India & Asia Region. He has also held leadership positions at AlliedSignal/Honeywell, based in the US and Asia.

Ms. Huey Evans is Chairman of the London Metal Exchange and serves on the Boards of Standard Chartered, ConocoPhillips, and HM Treasury. She serves as Senior Advisor to Chatham House, is a Trustee of the Benjamin Franklin House and is a member of the US Council on Foreign Relations. Ms. Huey Evans was awarded an OBE in 2016 for services to the financial service industry and diversity and previously served on the Boards of Itau BBA International, the Financial Reporting Council, Aviva, and the London Stock Exchange and held executive roles with Barclays Capital, Citi, the Financial Services Authority, and Bankers Trust.

Mr. Kelly was Chairman and CEO of The Bank of New York Mellon until 2011. Prior to that, he was Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President of Mellon Bank Corporation, Chief Financial Officer of Wachovia Corporation, and Vice-Chairman of Toronto-Dominion Bank. He was also Chairperson of the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Santander Asset Management. Mr. Kelly was a former member of the Boards of the Financial Services Forum, Federal Advisory Council of the Federal Reserve Board, Financial Services Roundtable, Trilateral Commission (North American Group), and Institute of International Finance. Mr. Kelly is currently IHS Markit's lead independent director.

Ms. McWhinney worked at Citi from 2009 to 2014, including as the Chief Executive Officer of Citi's global enterprise payments business, as the Chief Operating Officer of Citi's global enterprise payments business, and as President of Personal Banking and Wealth Management. Ms. McWhinney has held executive roles at Charles Schwab and Visa International and worked for 17 years at Bank of America in corporate and retail banking. Ms. McWhinney was appointed by President George W. Bush to the Board of Directors of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation in 2002 where she served until 2007. She also serves as a trustee of funds offered by Franklin Templeton, sits on the Boards of BorgWarner and LegalShield and is a former Board member of Fluor Corporation, Focus Financial Partners, Fresenius Medical Care, and Lloyds Banking Group. Ms. McWhinney is Chair of the Risk Committee of IHS Markit's board.

"This accomplished group of Directors will bring additional diverse and international leadership experience to our established Board," says Dick Thornburgh, Chairman of the Board of S&P Global. "Their work in the finance, commodity, and transportation industries both in the markets and in regulation will round out the skills and qualifications required for the combined company Board."

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### **Important Information About the Transaction and Where to Find It**

In connection with the proposed transaction, S&P Global and IHS Markit have filed and will file relevant materials with the SEC. On January 8, 2021, S&P Global filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-4, as amended (No. 333-251999) to register the shares of S&P Global common stock to be issued in connection with the proposed transaction. The registration statement, which was declared effective by the SEC on January 22, 2021, includes a definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus of S&P Global and IHS Markit. The definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus was mailed to the shareholders of S&P Global and IHS Markit seeking their approval of their respective transaction-related proposals. **INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT ON FORM S-4 AND THE RELATED JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS, AS WELL AS ANY AMENDMENTS OR SUPPLEMENTS TO THOSE DOCUMENTS AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS THAT ARE FILED OR TO BE FILED WITH THE SEC IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION, CAREFULLY AND IN THEIR ENTIRETY BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN OR WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT S&P GLOBAL, IHS MARKIT AND THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION.**

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S&P Global, IHS Markit and certain of their respective directors and executive officers and other members of management and employees may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the shareholders of S&P Global and IHS Markit in respect of the proposed transaction under the rules of the SEC. Information about IHS Markit's directors and executive officers is available in IHS Markit's Form 10-K for the year ended November 30, 2020, its proxy statement dated February 28, 2020 for its 2020 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders and certain of its Current Reports on Form 8-K. Information about S&P Global's directors and

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