

Grupo ACS joins the ranks of the world leaders in sustainable development

ACS joins the Dow Jones Sustainability World Index, featuring the 300 companies with the highest commitment towards sustainability

Madrid, 6 September 2007. Grupo ACS has been included on the Dow Jones Sustainability World Index (DJSI World), the Wall Street stock index including the 300 companies with the highest commitment towards sustainability.

The inclusion of ACS on this index represents an acknowledgment of the efforts made forth in recent years by the Spanish company in the field of sustainable development and the incorporation of this approach as one of the foundations of its business strategy.

ACS has entered both the global index and the European index (DJSI EuroStoxx) following its first application, undergoing the subsequent examination of the various sustainability criteria.

The Dow Jones Sustainability World Index (DJSI World) includes the top 300 companies in the world in the field of sustainability, from around 20 leading countries, which represent 10% of the 2,500 largest companies listed on the Dow Jones World Index. ACS will be listed on both indices when stock markets open on 24 September.

The presence on this index is considered by asset managers in 15 countries and it influences Investment-related decisions, because these managers use the DJSI as a benchmark when putting together portfolios focusing on sustainability. Total assets under management in keeping with DJSI criteria amount to USD 5.6 billion.

The factors analysed by the DJSI include the economic dimension of a company (corporate governance, investor relations, strategic planning, risk management and codes of conduct, among other items), its environmental dimension (inclusion in the annual report, environmental action and business management, recycling and power saving policies), and its social dimension (indicators involving human capital, human resources management, prevention policy, involvement in the social development of communities, etc.).

This index was created by SAM (Sustainability Asset Management) and Dow Jones to include the international listed companies that do the most in terms of implementing sustainability principles. Besides the global or world index, the two organisations also established the DJSI EuroStoxx. Both indices are renowned not only on the stock markets but in institutional terms as well, because they represent an independent appraisal of business management in economic, environmental and social terms—the three foundations of sustainable development.