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SOCIETE GENERALE CORPORATE & INVESTMENT BANKING CONFIRMS ITS EXPERTISE IN GLOBAL COMMODITY MARKETS

Societe Generale Corporate & Investment Banking was named **Base Metals House of the Year & Natural Gas House of the year Europe** at *Energy Risk* magazine's 2012 Awards ceremony held in Houston on the 15th of May.

These awards recognise the bank's expertise in advising its Corporate clients by providing innovative and competitive solutions as well as hedging tools to manage their price risk in a context of increased volatility in commodity markets.

This is the first time Societe Generale Corporate & Investment Banking has been presented with the **Natural Gas House of the year Europe** award. This accolade recognises the bank's efforts in establishing a strong European Natural Gas franchise. In addition, this is the second year in a row that the bank has won the Base Metals House of the year award.

Societe Generale Corporate & Investment Banking has been a key player in commodities markets over the past 35 years and the Natural Resource and Energy sectors are amongst the bank's core franchises.

Operating from 15 locations across the world, the bank is committed to continuing to provide its Corporate & Investor clients with the most innovative investment products and appropriate hedging solutions.

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Societe Generale is one of the largest European financial services groups. Based on a diversified universal banking model, the Group combines financial solidity with a strategy of sustainable growth, and aims to be the reference for relationship banking, recognised on its markets, close to clients, chosen for the quality and commitment of its teams.

Its 160,000 employees based in 77 countries accompany more than 33 million clients throughout the world on a daily basis. Societe Generale' teams offer advice and services to individual, corporate and institutional customers in three core businesses:

- Retail banking in France with the Societe Generale branch network, Credit du Nord and Boursorama
- International retail banking, with a presence in Central and Eastern Europe and Russia, in the Mediterranean basin, in Sub-Saharan Africa, in Asia and in the French Overseas Territories
- Corporate and investment banking with a global expertise in investment banking, financing and global markets.

Societe Generale is also a significant player in specialised financing and insurance, private banking, asset management and securities services.

Societe Generale is included in the main international socially-responsible investment indices: FTSE4Good, ASPI, DJSI World and DJSI Europe.

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Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking

At the core of Société Générale's universal banking business model, the Corporate & Investment Bank is a well-diversified and leading player with nearly 12,000 professionals present in 33 countries across Europe, the Americas and Asia-Pacific.

Standing by its clients across sectors, the Corporate & Investment Bank tailors solutions for them by capitalising on its worldwide expertise in **investment banking**, **global finance**, and **global markets**.

- For **Corporates**, **Financial Institutions** and **public sector**: providing a global advisory approach (M&A, debt, equity transaction, capital structure, and asset & liability management), as well as quality capital raising solutions across the debt and equity spectrum, optimised financing and expert risk management responses notably in the realm of foreign exchange and rates derivatives.
- For **investors**: offering reliable and sound investment opportunities and risk management solutions through its integrated global markets platform delivering seamless access to markets (equity, rates, credit, currencies, commodities and derivatives), as well as advice and solid financial engineering, quality of execution and forwardlooking research across asset classes.

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