

## **Press Release**

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## Société Générale joins the Equator Principles' steering committee

Société Générale has joined the steering committee of the Equator Principles (which regroup sixty banks), a voluntary set of guidelines for managing environmental and social issues in project finance. Since its adoption on September 2007 of the Equator Principles, Société Générale has actively participated in the working groups which aim to extend the Principles to other areas.

In becoming an active member of the steering committee, Société Générale reinforces its support to the Equator Principles and highlights the bank's tradition of risk analysis and control applied to structured finance.

The fifth anniversary of the Equator Principles (EPs) was held in Washington on 8 May 2008. For further information : <u>http://www.equator-</u> <u>principles.com/documents/EP\_5th\_anniversary\_press\_release.doc</u>

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## Société Générale

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- Global Investment Management & Services: Société Générale is one of the largest banks in the euro-zone in terms

of assets under custody (EUR 2 583 billion, Dec. 2007) and under management (EUR 434,6 billion, Dec. 2007).
Corporate & Investment Banking: Société Générale ranks among the leading banks worldwide in euro capital markets, derivatives and structured finance.

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