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SOCIETE GENERALE SECURITIES SERVICES NAMED “TOP RATED DOMESTIC” BY GLOBAL CUSTODIAN IN SOUTH AFRICA

Societe Generale Securities Services (SGSS) in South Africa has received a major rating from Global Custodian* magazine in its 2012 “Agent Banks in Major Markets” Survey.

For the ninth consecutive year, SGSS has been named “Top Rated Domestic”, recognition of its commitment to clients as well as its knowledge and extensive experience of the South African market, where it is one of the leading providers of services both to domestic and foreign institutions.

The Global Agent Banks survey measures how clients perceive the quality of clearing & settlement and asset-servicing duties provided by the bank. Results are measured across three client segments in 26 markets.

SGSS has been providing local securities services to domestic South African clients for over 20 years. It also provides services for foreign institutions investing in South Africa and accompanies South African clients in their international development, where they have the support of SGSS’ global network and expertise across 80 countries. SGSS’ overall offering in the country includes both local and global custody, trustee for collective investment schemes, clearing & settlement services across all asset classes, as well as securities lending and treasury solutions.

** Global Custodian is a leading magazine covering the international securities services business. It is published six times a year and has a global readership.*

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