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ValueLink to provide iBoxx prices

ValueLink Information Services, the supplier of fully validated financial data, announced today that it has signed an agreement with Deutsche Börse to take iBoxx bond and index prices.

ValueLink has commenced taking a direct feed of all closing iBoxx indices and constituent prices. The iBoxx prices will be available within their fully validated client specific pricing service and also as iBoxx specific data.

iBoxx Euro and Sterling bonds and indices are based on using the best market prices available from multiple contributors to provide high quality transparent pricing of all the underlying instruments.

Stephen Choate, Chief Executive of ValueLink commented: "One of the key attributes of our service is to provide comprehensive global coverage of all instrument types. The introduction of iBoxx data to our service not only extends our range of fixed income data but also increases the availability of iBoxx data within the market.

We continually evaluate all data sources available to ensure that we meet our clients' requirements. There is high demand for iBoxx data and inclusion of this direct feed extends our coverage and is also consistent with our criteria for accuracy and reliability the other core values of the our service".

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Notes to editors:

ValueLink supplies fully validated global securities pricing, dividend data, corporate action information, standing data and net asset value and unit price valuations for investment management, fund and third party administration in the UK, Europe and US. Their solutions are flexible and tailored around the individual requirements of their clients. Stringent data cleansing processes are based on multiple data feeds, automated processes and their expertise and experience in resolving exceptions and anomalies. The service is fully supported through their dedicated client administration team.

The index provider **iBoxx** is a joint venture between ABN AMRO, Barclays Capital, BNP Paribas, Deutsche Bank, Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein, Morgan Stanley, UBS Warburg and Deutsche Börse. The iBoxx indices are a new generation of real-time bond indices, which are based on an objective and transparent set of rules.

The seven leading investment banks in bond trading transmit their bid and ask quotes on a continuous basis to Deutsche Börse, which calculates the consolidated prices and indices from these data in real time and distributes them via its price dissemination system and the Internet.

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