

## **FTSE Launches New Index in Partnership with JSE**

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**London, August 21, 2006** – FTSE Group, in partnership with the JSE Limited, has launched a new tradable index – the FTSE/JSE Dividend+ Index. The new index takes companies from the FTSE/JSE Top 40 Index and FTSE/JSE Mid Cap Index excluding real estate companies and ranks them by their one-year forecast dividend yield. The top 30 companies make up the FTSE/JSE Dividend+ Index and the constituents' weightings in the index are determined by their dividend yield.

The index is the first dividend weighted index covering South African stocks. It caters for both South African domestic and international investors. Constituents are liquidity screened to make the index tradable and suitable for the creation of financial products, such as certificates and Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs).

Imogen Dillon Hatcher, Managing Director, FTSE Europe said, "FTSE is delighted to have partnered the JSE to create an innovative new index for international investors. We constantly strive to provide access to the highest performing value stocks, and this new dividend+ index means investors worldwide have a new tool which is also specifically designed to support structured products and ETFs."

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### **Notes to Editors**

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