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### **Kazakhstan Stock Exchange to issue Environmental, Social and Governance Reporting Guide**

In the framework of the United Nations Organization's Sustainable Stock Exchanges Initiative (SSE Initiative) Kazakhstan Stock Exchange (KASE) will release an Environmental, Social and Governance Reporting Guide (ESG Guide) by the end of 2016 for KASE listed companies and members.

Joining the SSE Initiative is in line with the general idea of the Government and the National Bank of Kazakhstan to enhance transparency and investment attractiveness of issuers. Such transparency is achieved in particular by disclosing ESG indicators.

Nowadays many investors pay more attention to ESG reports during their decision-making process as part of socially responsible investing. Return on Investments continues to be an important indicator. However the long-term sustainability of the company, its environmental impact, social responsibility and corporate governance are of a particular importance in the competition for investments. And that is why an increasing number of companies join the SSE Initiative every year.

"As KASE plans to increase its integration into global capital markets we recommend our listed companies to disclose ESG information as well as financial indicators. ESG Guide will be published on our web-site in a due time", – said acting Chairman of KASE Management Board Natalya Khoroshevskaya.

The guide will be non-regulatory at first. Exact date of publication will be announced later.

#### Reference

SSE Initiative is a peer-to-peer learning platform for exploring how exchanges, in collaboration with investors, regulators, and companies, can enhance corporate transparency – and ultimately performance – on ESG issues and encourage sustainable investment.

KASE is one of the leading stock exchanges in CIS region with more than 80 companies having their securities listed and more than 50 broker organizations trading on securities market. KASE is the only exchange in Kazakhstan operating in the financial market. It is a multi-asset trading platform organizing trades of government and corporate securities, repo market instruments, foreign currencies, bonds of international financial institutions.

KASE is the member of the World Federation of Exchanges (WFE), Federation of Euro-Asian Stock Exchanges (FEAS) and other international professional associations.