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At McGraw Hill Financial (NYSE: MHFI), setting high environmental, social and governance (ESG) standards and acting as a good corporate citizen are embedded in everything we do.

Our corporate responsibility (CR) focus is on powering economic growth and sustainable, thriving communities. Our mission is built on elevating people, supporting women entrepreneurs and promoting sustainability.

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We have continued to leverage our thought leadership and expertise to help long-term investors and other stakeholders balance environmental and social factors with financial performance. Many of our people are recognized leaders in the market, including our global head of environmental and climate risk research for Standard and Poor’s Ratings Services, who was appointed to The Financial Stability Board Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures. The industry-led task force will assist companies to develop more standardized, voluntary, climate-related financial risk disclosures consistent with investor needs. We also publish research on the role green bonds play in filling the \$1 trillion gap between the current pace of the United States’ funding for infrastructure projects and our country’s needs.

We recognize that it is the responsibility of every company to minimize its environmental footprint, and we are pleased with the progress we have made in reducing our own. As a testament to that, in 2015 we scored 97 out of 100 on CDP’s (formerly Carbon Disclosure Project) Climate Change survey, which assesses the environmental impact of the world’s largest companies.

Our employees continue to play an essential role in these efforts. During the past year we established CoRe Teams in several of our offices, enabling our employees to become CR champions and helping us to embed CR throughout our businesses. These teams engage employees by raising awareness about our ESG activities and by providing opportunities to serve our communities through our annual global volunteer initiative and our Green Teams.

We look forward to building on our progress and to ensuring that 2016 is a year of even greater growth and opportunity to advance sustainability.



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