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### **Vigeo selected by FRR to analyse the extra-financial performance of its European equity fund**

Following two European-wide calls for tender, the *French Pensions Reserve Fund* (FRR) has selected Vigeo for one of them, to assess and report on the environmental, social and governance (ESG) performance of its €13.7 billion European equity fund.

The FRR is a public institution in charge of managing financial reserves in order to ensure the long term viability of the French pension system.

Based on the 5 FRR socially responsible investment principles, Vigeo will analyse the European equity portfolios, including the SRI management mandates attributed by the Fund in 2006.

Vigeo will also provide the FRR with extra-financial research services throughout 2007, of which the identification of extra-financial opportunities and risks which the fund may be exposed to.

Antoine de Salins, FRR Executive Director, said: "The fund ESG performance reporting is a concrete step towards the implementation of the UN Principles for responsible investment (PRI), which the FRR signed in April 2006"

Nicole Notat, CEO of Vigeo, declared that "the FRR objective to report on its fund ESG performance is a major engagement that will encourage other PRI signatories to develop concrete SRI implementation steps".

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#### **The 5 FRR SRI principles**

- Respect basic human and worker rights
- Develop employment by improving the quality of human resource management
- Assume responsibility for the environment
- Respect the consumer and fair trade practices
- Promote good corporate governance

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## **About Vigeo**

Vigeo is the Leading European Corporate Social Responsibility Ratings Agency. Vigeo measures the companies' CSR performance on environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria and identifies ESG risk factors.

Vigeo provides two services:

- SRI Analysis, Ratings and Benchmarks for investors and asset managers
- CSR Audits for companies and local governments

Vigeo teams:

- 70 employees with multidisciplinary expertise
- 13 nationalities
- 4 locations: Paris, Brussels, Milan, Casablanca

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