



Press Release

Standard & Poor's Announces Changes to U.S. Indices

New York, NY, July 2, 2007 – Standard & Poor's will make the following changes after the close of trading on Friday, July 6:

- American Capital Strategies Ltd. (NASD:ACAS) will replace Dollar General Corp. (NYSE:DG) in the S&P 500. Dollar General is being acquired by investment funds affiliated with Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. L.P. in a deal expected to close on or about that date, pending final approvals.
- Bill Barrett Corp. (NYSE:BBG) will replace Laureate Education Inc. (NASD:LAUR) in the S&P MidCap 400. Laureate is being acquired by an investor group led by its chairman and CEO in a deal expected to close on or about that date, pending final approvals.

Standard & Poor's will monitor these transactions, and post any relevant updates on its website: www.standardandpoors.com.

American Capital Strategies is an investor in management and employee buyouts, special situations, and early stage and mature private and public companies. Headquartered in Bethesda, MD, the company will be added to the S&P 500 GICS (Global Industry Classification Standard) Asset Management & Custody Banks Sub-Industry index.

Bill Barrett explores for and produces primarily natural gas in nine basins in the U.S. Rocky Mountains. Headquartered in Denver, CO, the company will be added to the S&P MidCap 400 GICS Oil & Gas Exploration & Production Sub-Industry index.

Following is a summary of the changes:

S&P 500 INDEX – July 6, 2007			
	COMPANY	GICS ECONOMIC SECTOR	GICS SUB-INDUSTRY
ADDED	American Capital Strategies	Financials	Asset Management & Custody Banks
DELETED	Dollar General	Consumer Discretionary	General Merchandise Stores

S&P MIDCAP 400 INDEX – July 6, 2007			
	COMPANY	GICS ECONOMIC SECTOR	GICS SUB-INDUSTRY
ADDED	Bill Barrett	Energy	Oil & Gas Exploration & Production
DELETED	Laureate Education	Consumer Discretionary	Education Services

Additions to and deletions from an S&P equity index do not in any way reflect an opinion on the investment merits of the companies concerned.

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