

## Press Release

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### Société Générale adopts the Equator Principles

Société Générale Group is announcing that it has adopted the Equator Principles, a voluntary set of guidelines for managing environmental and social issues in project finance. Introduced in 2003 under the aegis of the World Bank and International Finance Corporation, this initiative has been adopted by around fifty international banks.

Adopting the Equator Principles builds on the bank's tradition of risk analysis and control applied to structured finance, in particular in project finance where Société Générale is a global leader. It marks the completion of a major internal programme launched in 2004 to standardize social and environmental analysis procedures (categorization, computerization) and train all employees involved in project finance.

This new commitment, which complements those already made on account of the *United Nations Global Compact*, the *Declaration of financial institutions on the environment and sustainable development (UNEP-FI)*, the *Carbon Disclosure Project* and the *Responsible Investment Principles*, confirms the Group's involvement in sustainable development.

Société Générale is also listed on the main sustainable development indices: *ASPI*, *Ethibel Excellence*, *FTSE4Good* and *Dow Jones Sustainability*.

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- **Corporate & Investment Banking:** Société Générale ranks among the leading banks worldwide in euro capital markets, derivatives and structured finance.

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