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CLP Holdings ranks first for sustainability and disclosure in Asia

CLP is pleased to announce that the company received top rank in the 2011 Asian Sustainability Rating™ (ASR™) for its sustainable practices and proactive disclosure of environment, social and governance (ESG) issues.

The ASR™ is Asia's most comprehensive analysis of listed companies' public disclosure on ESG issues. It uses a proprietary set of 100 sustainability indicators covering all areas of sustainability to rate companies' disclosure on ESG risks. The 2011 ASR™ comprises 750 companies from ten Asian countries, selected according to free-float market capitalisation.

“CLP is honoured to receive this recognition. We are committed to managing our business responsibly and embedding sustainable practices across our operations to create long-term value for our stakeholders,” said CEO Mr Andrew Brandler. “We will continue to inform our stakeholders about our actions and progress so that they can gain a better understanding of investment risks and opportunities, and recognise the positive impact that sustainable business practices have on business performance.”

“CLP is the only company in Asia to score above 90% because of consistent and comprehensive reporting and a commitment to applying the best international standards in its disclosure. The company demonstrates leadership in both the region and globally. It sets a benchmark for others to aim towards,” said Dr Richard Welford, Founder and Chairman of CSR Asia, the developer of ASR™.

CLP will remain transparent and accountable for our operations to contribute to the creation of a sustainable world.

About CLP Group

CLP Holdings Limited, a company listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, is the holding company for the CLP Group, which is one of the largest investor-owned power businesses in Asia Pacific. Through CLP Power Hong Kong, it operates a vertically integrated electricity supply business in Hong Kong, and provides a highly reliable supply of electricity and excellent customer services to 5.7 million people in Kowloon and the New Territories.

Outside Hong Kong, CLP Holdings also invests in energy businesses in Mainland China, Australia, India and Southeast Asia. It is a leading international private sector power company in the Asia-Pacific region with a diversified portfolio of power generation from gas, coal, renewables and nuclear.

CLP is listed in the Global Dow – a 150-stock index of the world's leading blue-chips, the Dow Jones Sustainability Asia Pacific Index (DJSI Asia Pacific), the Dow Jones Sustainability Asia Pacific 40 Index (DJSI Asia Pacific 40) and Hang Seng Corporate Sustainability Index Series.

About the Asian Sustainability Rating

The ASR™ is a proprietary ESG tool that was developed in collaboration between Responsible Research and CSR Asia. The ASR™ is a set of 100 sustainability indicators, split into four ASR™ categories - General, Environment, Social and Governance, which cover disclosure on the main elements of ESG risk.

Each company is independently rated by analysts at Responsible Research. Company reports are produced by CSR Asia using the data provided by Responsible Research.

The 2011 ASR™ universe comprises 750 companies and includes the largest listed corporate entities based on free float market capitalisation from the ten countries / regions of the MSCI AC (All Country) Asia ex Japan index. All companies are scored across the same ESG factors based on publicly available information only. In order that the results are as unbiased as possible, there is no engagement or questionnaire of the companies in the methodology.

The ASR™ provides investors, companies and other stakeholders with a view of the strategic sustainability of the companies it analyses. The data in the ASR™ 2011 can be used by responsible investors to benchmark portfolios and add a sustainability dimension to investment decision-making and engagement practices.

Companies and their stakeholders can also use the tool to monitor their progress on sustainability and to review ESG management and disclosures from business partners and competitors. In theory, any company could aspire to and achieve a 100 percent rating on ASR™ within a few years of monitoring and reporting on these fundamental ESG issues. Individual company or peer analysis can be provided for companies wishing to know how their peers are performing on sustainability disclosure. Investors, NGOs and the media are also invited to access indicator data.

2011 Asian Sustainability Index Top Five Companies

Top 5 Companies	Country	Sector	ASR™ Score
CLP Holdings	Hong Kong	Utilities	91%
Chunghwa Telecom	Taiwan	Telecom	89%
AU Optronics	Taiwan	IT	89%
Infosys Technology	India	IT	88%
Kia Motors	Korea	Consumer	87%
<i>ASR™ Index Average</i>	-	-	36%

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