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Another Dearborn Partners Core Rising Dividend SMA Portfolio Increase: S&P Global, Inc.

On February 28, 2022, S&P Global, Inc. announced a 10.4% increase in its quarterly dividend per share to \$0.85 (\$3.40 annually) from \$0.77 (\$3.08 annually). The cash dividend will be paid on June 10, 2022 to holders of record as of May 27, 2022. This is the 49<sup>th</sup> consecutive annual increase in the dividend paid by S&P Global, Inc.

Douglas L. Peterson, President and Chief Executive Officer of S&P Global, said, "Today's announcement marks the successful unification of two great companies that will be stronger together as a combined company. Our merger unites a unique collection of innovative assets and technology capabilities from two world-class organizations to benefit our people, our customers and our shareholders. Our combined strengths in credit and risk management, indices across multiple asset classes, private markets, ESG and energy transition data and analytics will accelerate the growth of our business and broaden the scope of services we can provide to the markets. I am excited by the exceptional prospects for the future of our Company and honored to lead our expanded organization."

S&P Global (NYSE: SPGI) ("S&P Global" or the "Company") and IHS Markit earlier today announced the completion of their approximately \$140 billion1 merger, creating a leading information services provider with a unique portfolio of highly complementary assets. With the transaction completed, S&P Global will offer an enhanced value proposition for our global customer base across data & analytics, ratings, benchmarks, indices, commodities & energy, transportation, and engineering. These products allow us to better serve our customers with a broader and deeper portfolio of unique solutions and increased scale. Together, the merged company will focus on accelerating growth and creating unparalleled value for all stakeholders. We also completed the sale of IHS Markit's OPIS, Coal, Metals and Mining, and PetrochemWire business to News Corporation today.

S&P Global, Inc. is in the Financials sector of our Dearborn Partners Core Rising Dividend separately managed account (SMA) portfolio. So far this year, 16 of 49 companies in our Core Rising Dividend portfolio have announced 16 dividend increases averaging about 13.6% more than these companies paid a year earlier. No companies in this portfolio have reduced or suspended dividends so far this year. Thank you for your continued interest in our Dearborn Partners Rising Dividend Strategy.

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