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**ASrIA Participates in Stock Exchange's Public Consultation to Improve  
Malaysian Corporate Disclosure Standards**

(Hong Kong, 12 August 2010) – The Association for Sustainable & Responsible Investment in Asia (ASrIA) today announces its participation in the Bursa Malaysia's public consultation to amend the stock exchange's listing requirements and corporate disclosure guide to include environmental, social, and corporate governance considerations.

Bursa Malaysia Bhd is seeking feedback on two consultation papers that are aimed to promote the Malaysian capital market's transparency, quality and efficiency. ASrIA has drafted responses and comments and distributed those to select members and partners. It is attempting to gain feedback from financial institutions as well as other stakeholders with an interest in improving corporate disclosure by Malaysian companies.

David St. Maur Sheil, Joint Executive Director of ASrIA, explained: "When we consult with stock exchanges around Asia, our general principle is: 'the more corporate disclosure, the better.'" Mr. St. Maur Sheil added: "We strongly encourage all ASrIA members to provide feedback either through us or directly to the bourse so that their voices can be heard. Public consultations are excellent ways to make a lasting impact on capital market development not only in Malaysia but throughout Asia."

Rebecca Mikula Wright, Business and Membership Development Manager of ASrIA, noted: "ASrIA's goal is to facilitate the consultation process for our members as well as our network across Asia. A joint response will send a very powerful signal to the stock exchange that investment professionals expect and value disclosure on environmental, social and corporate governance risks and opportunities."

Investment professionals as well as other interested parties are welcome to contribute to ASrIA's draft submission to the Bursa Malaysia. For a copy of our draft responses, contact Dave Doré, Research Manager of ASrIA at: [ddore@asria.org](mailto:ddore@asria.org). Submissions to the bourse must be sent by Thursday, 19 August 2010.

Alternatively, Bursa Malaysia Bhd accepts direct responses to:

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**Note to editor:**

Bursa Malaysia is engaging stakeholders in a public consultation regarding listing requirements and a corporate disclosure guide. The two consultation papers seek public feedback on proposals that are aimed to promote further transparency, quality and efficiency of the Malaysian capital market. The first paper seeks feedback on various proposed amendments to its Listing Requirements on the listed issuers' disclosure obligations, corporate governance practices and other obligations (Consultation Paper No. 3/2010). The second paper is on the proposed Corporate Disclosure Guide which seeks to provide clarification and guidance on the listed issuers' disclosure obligations under the LR (Consultation Paper No. 4/2010). The deadline for submission is Thursday, 19 August 2010.

**About the Association for Sustainable & Responsible Investment in Asia (ASrIA)**

ASrIA is a not for profit, membership association dedicated to promoting corporate responsibility and sustainable investment practice in the Asia Pacific region. ASrIA's members include investment institutions, however membership is open to any organisation which has an interest in sustainable investment. ASrIA's goal is to build market capacity for Sustainable and Responsible Investment (SRI). We provide insightful, up to date and accessible information on the development of SRI in Asia and globally. We have also become the platform for different sectors within the community to exchange information and perspectives on SRI, and to take practice forward.