

press release

Standard Chartered wins The 15th Annual IR Magazine UK Awards 2005

London, 15th June 2005 - Standard Chartered was last night awarded the category of **Best CSR Practice** at the **15th Annual IR Magazine UK Awards 2005**.

For the past 15 years the IR Magazine UK Awards have served as the measure of companies that put good investor relations into practice. The results are determined by independent research conducted amongst 750 portfolio managers and analysts covering the UK equity market.

“The success of our Corporate Responsibility activity, and in particular our work within our communities, is down to the passion and commitment shown by staff throughout the organisation. Winning this award is tribute to their effort”

“At Standard Chartered we recognise that through our business activities we can contribute to sustainable development. By addressing the social and environmental challenges that arise from our activity and by viewing them as part of our everyday business life we believe we can make our brand stand out from our competitors”, said Kate James, Group Head of Public Affairs.

The award for Standard Chartered follows the publication this month of the Banks’ 2004 Corporate Responsibility Report which can be downloaded at: http://www.standardchartered.com/global/csr05/pfm_current.html

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About Standard Chartered – leading the way in Asia, Africa and the Middle East

Following the acquisition of Korea First Bank, Standard Chartered now employs 38,000 people in 950 locations in more than 50 countries in the Asia Pacific Region, South Asia, the Middle East, Africa, the United Kingdom and the Americas. Standard Chartered is one of the world’s most international banks, with employees representing 80 nationalities.

Standard Chartered PLC is listed on both the London Stock Exchange and the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong and is in the top 25 FTSE-100 companies, by market capitalisation.

It serves both Consumer and Wholesale Banking customers. Consumer Banking provides credit cards, personal loans, mortgages, deposit taking and wealth management services to individuals and small to medium sized enterprises. Wholesale Banking provides corporate and institutional clients with services in trade finance, cash management, lending, securities services, foreign exchange, debt capital markets and corporate finance.

Standard Chartered is well-established in growth markets and aims to be the right partner for its customers. The Bank combines deep local knowledge with global capability.

The Bank is trusted across its network for its standard of governance and its commitment to making a difference in the communities in which it operates.

Standard Chartered aims to be an ethical and responsible partner, which means that Corporate Responsibility is integral to everything we do. Basing our business activities on sound Corporate Responsibility means Standard Chartered Bank has a strong and positive influence in the markets where we operate.

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