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Standard Chartered Bank Named ‘Best in Class’ in the Climate Disclosure Leadership Index

London, 24 September 2007- Standard Chartered Bank was honoured as “Best in Class” in its approach to climate change disclosure in a report released today by the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP), a coalition of over 315 global investors with more than \$41 trillion in assets.

The CDP report, now in its 5th year, is a survey of the responses of “Financial Times 500” corporations on the issue of climate change. In the report, Standard Chartered was included in the “Climate Disclosure Leadership Index (CDLI)”, a prestigious honour roll for global corporations addressing the challenges of climate change.

Standard Chartered Group Chief Executive Peter Sands said: “We are delighted to be rated “Best in Class”. This goes to affirm our commitment to building a sustainable business in our markets and working for a healthier planet as a whole.”

Standard Chartered aims to meet the challenges of climate change by reducing its own direct operational impact, making lending decisions that help protect the environment and develop products and services that reduce carbon emissions in some of its markets which are the most affected by climate change.

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

Standard Chartered PLC, listed on both the London Stock Exchange and the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, ranks among the top 25 companies in the FTSE-100 by market capitalisation. The London-headquartered group has operated for over 150 years in some of the world's most dynamic markets, leading the way in Asia, Africa and the Middle East. Its income and the number of employees have more than doubled over the last five years primarily as a result of organic growth and supplemented by acquisitions.

Standard Chartered aspires to be the best international bank in its markets by being the right partner for its stakeholders and leading by example. The group now employs over 60,000 people, representing some 100 nationalities, in more than 1,400 branches located in over 50 countries. The bank generates more than 90 per cent of its profits from Asia, Africa and the Middle East, with balanced income derived from both Wholesale and Consumer Banking.

The group is committed to building a sustainable business over the long term and is trusted worldwide for upholding high standards of corporate governance, social responsibility, environmental protection and employee diversity. For more information, please visit: www.standardchartered.com

About CDP

The Carbon Disclosure Project is a special project of Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors in New York. The group of investors is not a legal entity and the Carbon Disclosure Project has no authority to make any other statement on behalf of the participants. Full details on CDP, the CDP reports and the responses from corporations can be found at www.cdproject.net

About CDLI

The Climate Disclosure Leadership Index (CDLI) is produced by report writers Innovest. It is comprised of 68 FT500 companies that show distinction in their responses to the Carbon Disclosure Project survey based on their reporting of greenhouse gas emissions and assessment of climate change strategies.

All companies in the FT500 sample were assessed relative to their peers to provide an evaluation for investors, through the CDLI on which companies have developed the most comprehensive climate change disclosure practices. Innovest rank companies on a 100 point scale and all companies which achieved a score of 85 or over are featured in the CDLI.

The CDP5 report was written by Innovest Strategic Value Advisors
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More information on the CDLI can be found at the CDP website:
www.cdproject.net.