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Market Announcements Office
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ANNOUNCEMENT – CHANGE OF BENCHMARK INDEX FOR THE iSHARES MSCI AUSTRALIA 200 ETF

Please note the following important changes to the iShares MSCI Australia 200 ETF (ARSN: 146 083 141 / ASX: IOZ) (**Fund**). No response or action is required from investors as a result of this change.

What is changing?

On 1 December 2015, the Fund's benchmark index, the performance of which the Fund seeks to track, is changing from the MSCI Australia 200 Index to the S&P/ASX 200 Index. As a result of this change and also effective from 1 December 2015, the name of the Fund will change to the iShares S&P/ASX 200 ETF.

All other features of the Fund, including fees and the Fund's ASX ticker, will remain the same.

Why the change?

The S&P/ASX 200 is widely considered the preeminent Australian equity benchmark. We are changing the Fund's benchmark index to better align the Fund's exposures with the Australian equity benchmark index preferred by most investors and the market.

As responsible entity for the Fund, BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited (BlackRock) considers that these Fund changes to be in the best interests of investors in the Fund as a whole.

What does this mean for the investment performance of the Fund?

There will only be minor changes to the Fund's portfolio and the Fund will continue to provide exposure to the 200 largest Australian companies by market capitalisation.

Do Investors need to do anything?

Investors are not required to take any action as a result of these changes.

What else do Investors need to know?

Following the change in benchmark index, the Fund will provide the lowest cost ASX-listed access to the S&P/ASX 200 Index.

The Fund is provided by BlackRock, a wholly-owned subsidiary of BlackRock, Inc.® (**BlackRock, Inc.**). BlackRock, Inc. is the world's leading provider of exchange traded funds. BlackRock, Inc. is trusted to manage more money than any other investment firm in the world.

The information is general information only and does not take into account the personal financial situation or needs of individual investors. Investors should consider consulting their financial adviser in relation to these changes.

If investors have any questions please contact the iShares Call Centre on 1300 474 273 (within Australia or +61 3 9415 4695 outside of Australia) or at clientservices.us@blackrock.com.