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ISS Announces Updates to Governance QuickScore and Window Period for Issuer Review

On January 8th, Institutional Shareholder Services (ISS) announced it will release an updated QuickScore Governance model (“QuickScore 2.0”) on February 18th. Beginning January 27th, companies will be able to review, verify, and submit requests for changes to their data. A QuickScore 2.0 technical document will be released by ISS on January 27th.

ISS’s QuickScore 2.0 will include several new factors (seven in the US) to cover additional governance practices and provide greater differentiation across companies. Factor and category weightings will be adjusted to better align with ISS quantitative modeling results and voting policies. In addition, company scores will now be updated throughout the year based on regulatory filings and other public disclosures to ensure QuickScore 2.0 accurately reflects up-to-date governance structures.

Prior to its release, ISS is providing companies with an opportunity to verify the data underlying the QuickScore 2.0 model. Key dates in the data verification process are summarized below:

January 8- January 27:	In order to verify the underlying QuickScore data, companies will need a login and password to access the ISS Governance Analytics website. Those without a login can obtain one by emailing support@isscorporateservices.com . A preview of QuickScore 1.0 data (i.e., data that will presumably be applied to QuickScore 2.0) will be available during this period.
January 27:	ISS will release the QuickScore 2.0 technical document outlining key changes to the methodology and new governance factors.
January 27- February 7:	The ISS QuickScore 2.0 data verification site will be open during this period. Requests for data changes submitted prior to 8 pm EST on February 7 th will be considered by ISS and reflected when QuickScore 2.0 is released.
February 18:	ISS will officially release QuickScore 2.0. The data verification site will remain open following the release to allow for updates throughout the year.

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