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Legal Entity Identifier

An Introduction

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Visibility. Stability. Integrity.

What is a LEI?



- LEI = Legal Entity Identifier
- Unique 20 digit alphanumeric code based on ISO 17442 standard assigned to legal entities
- Used for identification of counterparties in financial transactions

For what (financial) transactions*?



- Required by the public authorities to assess risks, conduct market surveillance and enforcement, supervise market participants etc.
- Benefits for the private sector include improved risk management, operational efficiencies and other needs

* ROC Charter 5 November 2012

Who supports the LEI initiative?



- The **Governments** of the **G20 countries** asked in their November 2011 Cannes Summit for a Global LEI
- The **FSB** (Financial Stability Board) recommendations for the development of a **Global LEI System** were endorsed by the G20 in their Los Cabos Summit in June 2012
- The FSB created the **ROC** (Regulatory Oversight Committee) with about 80 regulators

Who issues LEIs?



- Legal entities may request an LEI from a **LOU** (Local Operating Unit) of their choice*
- There are about 30 (competing) LOUs so far that have received a “license to operate” from the ROC (in the future the GLEIF will manage LOU accreditation)
- The LOUs operate on a “**non-profit cost-recovery model**”
- Over 310.000 LEIs have been issued (November 2014)

* Subject to any specific jurisdictional criteria or qualifications that may apply

What is the GLEIS?



- **GLEIS** = Global Legal Entity Identifier System
- The GLEIS is a **federative system** of the LOUs and the GLEIF
- Users of the LEI data of the GLEIS have **free access** to the public LEI data of the LOUs and to the consolidated LEI data from the GLEIF
- All LEI data will be available for free download

What is the GLEIF?



- **GLEIF** = Global LEI Foundation
- The GLEIF is a Swiss Foundation
- The **FSB** is the **Founder** of the GLEIF
- The Foundation has an (international) Board of 16 Directors that held its Inaugural meeting on 26 June 2014
- The **ROC oversees the GLEIF**. Three ROC Observers attend the GLEIF Board meetings
- The Board has appointed Stephan Wolf as CEO

What are the core tasks of the GLEIF?



- The GLEIF develops and maintains in close cooperation with the LOU partners the Master Agreement (the legal rules and technical standards for the GLEIS)
- The GLEIF Board has to ensure that all partners of the GLEIS are compliant with the Master Agreement and any ROC requirement
- The GLEIF will make all LEI data available for free 7x24 H to any user without any licensing, intellectual property or similar restrictions

Questions and answers?



More information is available on the following websites:

- FSB www.financialstabilityboard.org
- ROC www.leiroc.org
- GLEIF www.gleif.org (available soon)