

**ABF PAN ASIA BOND INDEX FUND AVAILABLE TO ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS IN THAILAND**

**THAILAND — December 8, 2005** — State Street Global Advisors (SSgA), the investment management arm of State Street Corporation (NYSE: STT) and the largest institutional fund manager in the world, today announced that the Bank of Thailand has now included the ABF Pan Asia Bond Index Fund (PAIF) within the list of permitted securities for investment abroad by eligible institutional investors. This is an important development that will allow institutional investors in Thailand to gain cost effective exposure in Asian bonds through the PAIF.

Managed by SSgA, the PAIF is a key component of the Asian Bond Fund 2 (ABF2), an initiative developed by the Executives' Meeting of East-Asia and Pacific Central Banks (EMEAP), a group of 11 Asian central banks and monetary authorities. PAIF was listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange as an open-ended index fund on July 7, 2005, investing in domestic currency sovereign and quasi-sovereign bonds from eight EMEAP economies – China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand. The size of the fund is currently US\$1.12 billion. PAIF is managed against the iBoxx ABF Pan Asia Index.

“Modeled on cost-effective and efficient exchange-traded funds, PAIF brings the opportunity to enhance investor choice for institutional investors in Thailand wishing to diversify overseas through Asian bonds,” said Hon Cheung, managing director for SSgA in

Singapore. "We are pleased that the Bank of Thailand has allowed PAIF to be included as a permitted security for investment overseas. PAIF's design as a core Asian bond investment offering will help raise awareness and interest in the Asian Bond Fund."

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