Press Release

IISL to launch CNX BANK Index from September 15, 2003

India Index Services and Products Limited (IISL), currently has 73 industry indices which cover a gamut of industries, like software, hardware, banking, pharma etc. These indices comprise of all stocks related to an industry, which constitute the broad based S&P CNX 500 index. Consequently, the S&P CNX Banking index has 32 stocks, S&P CNX Pharmaceuticals index has 33 stocks etc. These indices represent the capital market performance of the specific industry.

In the recent past, a need has been felt by market participants of having smaller sized sectoral indices, which cover stocks representing high liquidity and market capitalization in the universe. Accordingly, IISL had earlier developed several small sized indices viz. CNX IT, CNX FMCG, CNX PSE (Public Sector Enterprise). In continuation with its efforts, IISL proposes to introduce some smaller sized sectoral indices like banking, pharma etc.

These indices will comprise of top companies by liquidity and market capitalization, which cover more than 80% of the sector capitalisation.

The Indian Banking Industry has been undergoing rapid changes. The increased usage of information technology in banking sector in India has accelerated the growth of the industry. The costs of banking activities have been lowered. Structural reforms and recent enactments have contributed to improvement of banking sector's asset quality, profitability and capital adequacy.

IISL will launch the CNX BANK index on Sept 15, 2003. The index will track the capital market performance of the banking sector.

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