

ANNA and GLEIF win ‘Most Innovative Data Standards Initiative’ at the A-Team Innovation Awards 2021

For the initiative of linking ISINs and LEIs to aid the global financial industry

London, 25 March 2021 – The Association of National Numbering Agencies (ANNA) and the Global Legal Entity Identifier Foundation (GLEIF) today announce they have won the ‘Most innovative data standards initiative’ at the A-Team Innovation Awards 2021.

Since launching the initiative, ANNA and GLEIF have worked to bring about increased harmony in the financial markets by promoting further standardisation and availability of essential data. The award recognises the achievement of ANNA and GLEIF’s successful initiative, which links International Securities Identification Numbers (ISINs) and Legal Entity Identifiers (LEIs) for the benefit of the global financial industry. By bringing two ISO standards together, ISIN (ISO 6166) and LEI (ISO 17442), the issuer and the issued securities are linked together. Organizations are now able to aggregate data easily, improving their risk management and transparency of exposures.

To date, over 5.5 million ISINs have been linked to over 82,000 unique LEIs. There are currently 22 National Numbering Agencies (NNAs) who have opted into the initiative, with more to follow in the coming months. These linkages have been voluntarily provided by NNAs, with ISIN coverage across 44 jurisdictions. ISIN-to-LEI mapping data is published free of charge and it is available to everyone on the GLEIF website, alongside the entire LEI data pool which serves as a global directory to promote transparency.

Uwe Meyer, Executive Director & Secretariat, ANNA, said, “We are delighted to be recognised by A-Team for our joint initiative with GLEIF. This award is the result of all the hard work surrounding the ISIN-LEI initiative which launched a service to provide a daily consolidated file of ISIN to LEI linkages provided by the National Numbering Agencies.”

Stephan Wolf, CEO, GLEIF, said, “The ISIN-LEI mapping initiative has gone from strength to strength since launching in 2019. The service assists organisations in meeting regulatory reporting requirements and improves data aggregation required to strengthen the risk function’s capability to make judgements, gain efficiencies, reduce probability of losses and increase profitability.”

More information:

For a list of the NNA’s who have opted in to the ISIN-LEI initiative please visit ANNA’s [ISIN – LEI page](#)

GLEIF’s ISIN-LEI file is available for download [here](#)

Media contact for ANNA

Lindsay Clarke
Streets Consulting
+44 (0)20 7959 2235
lindsay.clarke@streetsconsulting.com

Media contact for GLEIF

Lucy Bristow / James Kemp
lucy.b@iseepr.co.uk / james@iseepr.co.uk
+44 (0) 113 350 1922

About ANNA

Established in 1992 by 22 founding numbering agencies, ANNA is the membership organisation of national numbering agencies, which are operated by depositories, exchanges, government agencies, nationally central data vendors and other financial infrastructure organisations. ANNA also serves as the registration authority for the ISIN and FISN standards, under appointment by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO).

Under ANNA's stewardship, the role of the ISIN in enabling global financial communications has been established worldwide. ISINs are issued today more than 200 jurisdictions worldwide. In addition, ANNA has developed the Derivatives Service Bureau (DSB), a fully automated global numbering agency to meet the operational and regulatory requirements of the over-the-counter derivatives markets. The number of national numbering agencies and nations working to establish national numbering agencies continues to grow each year, now surpassing 120 jurisdictions globally. For information about ANNA, its members and activities, please visit anna-web.org.

About GLEIF

Established by the Financial Stability Board in June 2014, the Global Legal Entity Identifier Foundation (GLEIF) is a not-for-profit organization created to support the implementation and use of the Legal Entity Identifier (LEI). GLEIF is headquartered in Basel, Switzerland.

GLEIF services ensure the operational integrity of the Global LEI System. GLEIF also makes available the technical infrastructure to provide, via an open data license, access to the full global LEI repository free of charge to users. GLEIF is overseen by the LEI Regulatory Oversight Committee, which is made up of representatives of public authorities from across the globe. For more information, visit the GLEIF website at <https://www.gleif.org/en>.

About the Inside Market Data and Inside Reference Data Awards

The annual Inside Market Data and Inside Reference Data Awards, now in their 17th year, play a key role in WatersTechnology's awards program, and are the only awards that feature a mix of call-for-entry categories determined by a panel of judges and categories compiled by WatersTechnology's journalists and voted on by the brand's readership. This year's awards featured 32 categories in total: 21 call-for-entry categories, 10 journalist-compiled categories, and a hall of fame (lifetime achievement) award, the recipient of which was Mike Meriton, co-founder of the EDM Council and former CEO of GoldenSource.