



# Press release

## Sahem signs agreement with Capital IQ to enhance Palestine market visibility

**Ramallah, July 31, 2011** — Sahem Trading & Investments Company (Sahem), one of Palestine's top brokerage firms, announced today the signing of a significant agreement with Capital IQ, a Standard & Poors business and a leading provider of financial market data, analytics and solutions.. Under the terms of this contract, Capital IQ has agreed to publish Sahem's broker research on their platform which can be accessed via a subscription.

Sahem is the first financial firm in Palestine to offer this service to Capital IQ; it is well known that Standard & Poors has strong track record for stock markets indices and is one of the big three credit rating agencies.

General Manager of Sahem, Mr. Samir Zraiqa said: "We are delighted about this partnership which adds incredibly to Sahem's track record of world-class and trusted market research. We have been providing institutional investors and mutual funds with our research and market data which have earned credibility."

"We are confident that publishing our research on such a leading and reputable platform will be an eye-opener to many fund managers and analysts who have been looking for opportunities in frontier and emerging markets. Palestine is still untapped by global mutual funds and through research we aim to reach out to those institutions to unveil the opportunities in our local market."

Sahem prepares and provides market reports on the Palestine Stock Exchange and its listed companies to cover: Equity, Risk Management, Flash results, Market Scan, Weekly and Annual Market reports, Macro reports, Dividend Analysis and New listing Overview. In 2010, Sahem

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signed an agreement with the leading Dubai-based financial market data provider Zawya to publish its research on the Palestinian market.

Chief Executive Officer of the Palestine Stock Exchange (PEX), Mr. Ahmad Aweidah said: “The agreement with Capital IQ proves again that the Palestinian stock market is viable and of increasing interest to institutional investors. Feeding research on Palestinian listed companies to Standard & Poors research subsidiary is significant and adds real value to our efforts in providing data and information to international investors and fund managers; it is indeed another milestone achieved by one of our leading brokerage firms”

#### **About Capital IQ:**

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