

Salomon Brothers Emerging Markets Debt Fund Inc.
Announces Name Change to
Western Asset Emerging Markets Debt Fund Inc.

NEW YORK, September 21, 2006 (BusinessWire) Salomon Brothers Emerging Markets Debt Fund Inc., which is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "ESD," announced today a name change to Western Asset Emerging Markets Debt Fund Inc. effective with the opening of trading on Monday, October 9, 2006. The Fund will continue to trade under its existing New York Stock Exchange symbol "ESD." The CUSIP number for Western Asset Emerging Markets Debt Fund Inc. will be as follows:

- Common Stock: 95766A101

The renaming of Salomon Brothers Emerging Markets Debt Fund Inc. follows Legg Mason's acquisition of substantially all of Citigroup's asset management business in December 2005. Following that transaction, Legg Mason announced plans to integrate and streamline mutual funds included in the Citigroup transaction.

Salomon Brothers Emerging Markets Debt Fund Inc., a non-diversified closed-end investment management company, is advised by Legg Mason Partners Fund Advisor, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Legg Mason, Inc. and is sub-advised by Western Asset Management Company, an affiliate of the adviser.

Western Asset is one of the world's premier fixed income managers. With offices in Pasadena, New York, London, Tokyo, Singapore, Hong Kong, Melbourne and Sao Paulo, Western Asset offers institutional and retail clients a full range of fixed income products. By devoting all of its resources to fixed income, Western Asset is able to provide a full commitment to its clients in every area of the firm. This focused approach has generated superior returns in products with a variety of risk disciplines. Western Asset's long performance track record and global presence has them positioned to continue their commitment to excellence in fixed income investment management and client service. As of June 30, 2006, Western Asset had \$511.7 billion in assets under management.

Legg Mason is a global asset management firm, structured as a holding company, with on-the-ground asset management capabilities around the world. As of June 30, 2006, its assets under management aggregated approximately \$855 billion. The firm is headquartered in Baltimore, Maryland, and its common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE:LM).

For more information, call 1-888-777-0102, or log on to the Fund's website at www.leggmason.com/InvestorServices.

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