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ムーディーズが気候データ・リスク分析のトップ企業 FOUR TWENTY SEVEN, INC.の過半数株式を取得

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2019 年(令和元年)7 月 24 日、ニューヨーク、ムーディーズ・コーポレーション (MCO)は同日、物理的な気候リスクに関連するデータ、情報、分析を提供するトップ企業である [Four Twenty Seven, Inc.](#) (以下「Four Twenty Seven」)の過半数株式を取得したことを公表した。この買収は、環境・社会・ガバナンス(ESG)のリスクと機会の評価を、グローバルに一貫した透明性の高い基準に基づき行うことを推進するというムーディーズのコミットメントを強化するものである。

Four Twenty Seven はムーディーズ・インベスターズ・サービス(以下「ムーディーズ」)の関連会社として、引き続きカリフォルニア州バークレーに本社を置き、現在のブランドで事業を継続する。

Four Twenty Seven の取得は、ムーディーズのリスク分析能力をさらに強化し、環境・気候リスク要因を評価するグローバルな基準を提示する取り組みを明確に示すものである。また、気候リスクを織り込んだ経済モデルおよび信用格付に関するムーディーズのソートリーダーシップとリサーチの強化を後押しする。同社の買収は、ムーディーズが最近実施した ESG 関連のリサーチ、データ、評価を提供するトップ企業の Vigeo Eiris の買収を補完するものである。

Four Twenty Seven は、気候関連要因および他の環境問題(ヒートストレス、水ストレス、異常降雨、ハリケーン、台風、海面上昇など)に関連した物理的リスクをスコアリングしている。同社のスコアとポートフォリオ分析は世界全域をカバーし、様々なアセットクラスの気候リスク・エクスポージャーを定量化するもので、2,000 を超える上場企業、世界の 100 万の企業施設、320 の REIT、米国の 3,000 の郡、196 の国に関する詳細なデータを提供している。同社のデータと指標は、資

産保有者、アセットマネージャー、銀行、企業、政府機関が、自身のポートフォリオと事業活動に潜在する気候リスクを理解し、評価するために用いられる。

「Four Twenty Seven は気候関連エクスポージャーの定量化と実用的なリスク指標の策定において強固なプラットフォームを構築してきた。これらのリスク指標は、気候リスクとその対策を理解、伝達するために不可欠である。ムーディーズは、環境リスク評価のためのグローバルで透明性の高い基準の提供に取り組んでおり、Four Twenty Seven の買収は、気候分析をリサーチに組み入れるというムーディーズの方針をさらに前進させるものである」と、ムーディーズ・インベスターズ・サービスのアセスメント・グローバルヘッドのミリアム・デュランは述べる。

「ムーディーズのグローバルな調査対象と分析能力に Four Twenty Seven の広範な気候リスクデータと情報収集能力が加わることで、引き続き市場参加者が潜在的な気候の影響をリスク管理と投資判断に組み入れる後押しをするための理想的な道筋となる」と、Four Twenty Seven の創設者で CEO のエミリー・マツクラティは述べる。

買収条件は非開示であるが、ムーディーズの 2019 年の業績への大きな影響はない。買収資金は手元現金から充当された。

ESG に対するムーディーズのアプローチについては、esg.moodys.io を参照されたい。

環境的に持続可能な未来の推進は、企業の社会的責任に対するムーディーズのアプローチの中核である。詳細については、moodys.com/csr を参照されたい。

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