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**Friday, October 14, 2016**

The S&P Dow Jones Indices, which tracks approximately 10,000 U.S. traded stocks, announced that total stock dividend distributions increased by a net (increases less decreases) $6.0 billion in Q3’16, down significantly from the $10.0 billion increase recorded in Q3’15, and down from the $7.3 billion increase in Q2’16, according to its own release. For the 12-month period ended Q3’16, dividend increases (net) totaled $20.8 billion, down 55.8% from the $47.1 billion posted for the 12-month period ended Q3’15. In Q3’16, there were 427 dividend increases, down from the 497 increases in Q3’15. The number of dividends cut or suspended in Q3’16 totaled 115, up from the 105 cut or suspended in Q3’15. Energy issues accounted for 39.0% of the dividend reductions and 33% of the dollar cuts in Q3’16, which reflects improvement from Q2’16’s 43% and 71% dividend and dollar cuts, according to Howard Silverblatt, senior index analyst at S&P Dow Jones Indices.