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BPM measures carbon impact

Wednesday, 10 December 2008 11:55am

Super funds and companies will be able to forecast the impact of the proposed emissions trading scheme (ETS) after BPM Financial Modelling developed a carbon tool.

Toby O'Brien, BPM Financial Modelling, said using public information about the proposed scheme BPM Financial Modelling could assess the impact of carbon credits on a company's financial statements. He said the firm is working with an institution to ensure the company's clients can understand the effect of an ETS on their balance sheets.

BPM Financial Modelling's product historically collates information about a company to produce a flexible excel spreadsheet which a chief financial officer or analyst can use to model the impact of economic factors such as falling local dollar on their profits and dividends.

The service can be used by super funds to assess the impact of rising inflation, declining property prices and share market falls on their underlying listed and unlisted portfolios.

"We build these tools and give them all sorts of levers to play with, so if the US exchange rate goes to 90 cents, what's going to happen to the Australian dollar and our dividend? The analyst is able to run through a range of scenarios in a couple of clicks," said O'Brien.

Meanwhile, O'Brien said the company is looking to team up with a historical financial information providers such as Bloomberg or Thomson to develop a forecasting model that uses two or three years of historical data.

Michael Hobbs

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