



## **Mergent Online Named 2008 CODiE Award Finalist**

**Charlotte, NC** – February 14, 2008 – Mergent, Inc. announced today the selection of Mergent Online™ as a finalist for Best Online Business Information Service in the Software & Information Industry Association's (SIIA) 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual CODiE Awards.

“This is a truly unique honor,” said Chief Executive Officer Jonathan Worrall, “to be recognized by our technology industry peers.” The CODiE Awards recognize outstanding achievement and vision in the software, digital information and education technology industries, as determined by a journalist and peer review process. “Competition is tough this year and that makes selection as a CODiE Finalist a real achievement,” said Ken Wash, SIIA president. “All the companies on this year's list should feel justifiably proud of their recognition.” A list of 2008 finalists can be found at [www.siaa.net/codies/2008/finalists.asp](http://www.siaa.net/codies/2008/finalists.asp).

Worrall continued, “Our primary objective with the Mergent Online has always been to meet the needs of the most demanding researcher in the most comprehensive, accurate and intuitive way possible.” Mergent Online is a powerful online application providing users with a wealth of historical financial information with rich textual detail. Its easy-to-use interface allows users to create and customize data searches, company reports, comparison analyses, and charts and graphs. Furthermore, all data is presented “as reported” in its native currency to maintain full integrity.



For more information on Mergent Online and its features and functions,

please see the website at [www.mergentonline.com](http://www.mergentonline.com).

### **About Mergent**

Mergent, Inc., a Xinhua Finance company (TSE Mothers: 9399) is the preferred provider of business and financial data on global publicly listed companies. Headquartered in Charlotte, NC and New York City, with sales offices in key North American cities, Mergent also has a strong global presence, with offices in London, Shanghai, Tokyo, Toronto and Melbourne.

For more than a century Mergent has been providing solutions to clients in the investment management, academic, research and corporate information fields. Today, that unique experience is combined with leading-edge technology to form a robust, diverse product line that operates under Mergent's umbrella. These include; Mergent's Dividend Achievers Indices – the premier benchmark for long-term returns; Ford Equity Research – a leading independent investment research firm; Mergent Online™ – a powerful web-based research portal that provides critical business information to support daily research and analysis; Mergent Manuals, Handbooks and Investment Guides; Mergent BondViewer™ – which offers in-depth municipal and corporate fixed-income data, as well as end-of-day evaluation pricing; Mergent EventsData™ – providing real-time information on corporate actions, dividend payouts, news and updates directly to clients' desktops. For more information visit [www.mergent.com](http://www.mergent.com).

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