

Mergent Launches Enhanced WebReports Desktop Application

Charlotte, NC – October 16, 2007 – Mergent, Inc. announced today the relaunch of its Mergent WebReports desktop application. Mergent WebReports is an online database retrieval system offering a comprehensive library of documents that includes company annual reports, prospectuses, industry reports and other company related documents in PDF image formats.

The revamped website now includes additional search criteria, the ability to drill down for research within specific industries, and user customizable column headings. “These improvements include a cleaner, more efficient interface and faster search speeds,” said Chief Executive Officer Jonathan Worrall. “It offers our clients a truly global business and financial information database with greater flexibility and customization options.”

Mergent WebReports provides access to more than 180,000 digitized documents covering over 35,000 companies globally. Data includes: equity reports from Mergent’s Ford Equity Research subsidiary database; company snapshots including a quick overview of each company with information on address, telephone and fax number, ticker symbol and company website; industry reports, consisting of in-depth analyses of industries covering the current environment, sector performance, market trends and outlook; and annual reports on companies from more than 100 countries.

More information regarding Mergent WebReports is available at

www.webreports.net.

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.

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