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Mergent, Inc. Announces Dividend Achievers™ 2012 Reconstitution

Dividend Achievers Continue to be Essential to Core Strategy

January 27, 2012, Charlotte, NC – Mergent, Inc. today announced the reconstitution of its Mergent Dividend Achievers™ indices for 2012. Mergent's Dividend Achievers indices are a highly regarded series of indices that track companies with strong long-term dividend growth. Products based on the Dividend Achievers Index currently have over \$11.6 billion in assets under management, and are offered by major investment management firms worldwide, including The Vanguard Group, Inc., Invesco PowerShares (a part of Invesco, Ltd.), Invesco Trimark (also part of Invesco, Ltd.), and others.

The 2012 Broad Dividend Achievers Index is comprised of 201 constituents compared with 189 constituents currently in the 2011 Dividend Achievers Index. The net positive difference of 12 constituents is the result of 23 additions to the index of which were five previously identified companies with ten or more years of increasing dividends that have met the minimum liquidity requirements for inclusion in the 2012 Dividend Achievers Index. The 18 new additions to the index for the first time are led by four large cap companies: The Southern Company, Monsanto Co. , NIKE, Inc., and Norfolk and Southern. Of the 189 constituents currently in the 2011 Dividend Achievers Index, 178 are included in the 2012 Dividend Achievers Index for a retention rate of over 94%.

The changes for 2012 resulted in a modest alteration to the Index's sector allocation, with the largest differences in the Utilities, Materials and Consumer Discretionary Sectors, resulting from the addition of The Southern Company, Monsanto Co., and NIKE, Inc., respectively. As a result of these changes, the 2012 Broad Dividend Achievers Index has the sector weights, shown in the attached table, compared with the current constituents in the 2011 Dividend Achievers Index.

Sector	2012 Dividend Achievers	2011 Dividend Achievers
Consumer Discretionary	8.96%	7.97%
Consumer Staples	25.27%	26.13%
Energy	16.84%	16.76%
Financials	5.37%	6.16%
Health Care	10.55%	10.94%
Industrials	12.11%	13.01%
Information Technology	6.35%	6.27%
Materials	4.81%	3.82%
Telecommunication Services	5.13%	5.54%
Utilities	4.62%	3.40%

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Mergent, Inc. is a leading provider of business and financial information on global publicly listed companies. Based in the U.S, the company maintains a strong global presence, with offices in New York, Charlotte, San Diego, London, Tokyo and Melbourne. Founded in 1900, Mergent operates one of the longest continuously collected databases of: descriptive and fundamental information as well as pricing and corporate action data on domestic and international companies, together with terms and conditions data on corporate and municipal bonds. In addition, Mergent develops and licenses equity, fixed income and commodity index and investment products based on proprietary methodologies. Our licensed products have over \$7.5 billion in assets under management and are offered by major investment management firms. Mergent subsidiaries provide services in independent equity research, index calculation and administration and tools for portfolio building and measurement. To learn more, visit www.mergent.com

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