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Metadata from Mergent, Inc.'s Annual Reports Database to be added to Base Index of EBSCO Discovery Service™

Charlotte, NC January 18th, 2011– Mergent, Inc. today announced an agreement with EBSCO Publishing (EBSCO), allowing metadata from Mergent's *Annual Reports Database*, to be added to the Base Index of *EBSCO Discovery Service™* (EDS). The addition of Mergent resources to the EDS Base Index enhances the quality of metadata available and brings added value to EDS customers.

Mergent's *Annual Reports Database* includes more than 300,000 annual reports from global publicly traded companies and is continually updated throughout the year. Metadata from Mergent's collection will also include archived annual reports dating back ten years. Additional collections from Mergent may be added to the Base Index of EDS in the future.

The EDS Base Index is comprised of metadata from the world's foremost information providers. At present, the EDS Base Index represents content from approximately 20,000 providers in addition to metadata from another 70,000 book publishers. Although constantly growing, today the EDS Base Index provides metadata for nearly 50,000 magazines & journals, approximately 825,000 CDs & DVDs, nearly six million books, more than 100 million newspaper articles, more than 20,000 conference proceedings and hundreds of thousands of additional information sources from various source-types.

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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.

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