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Annual Changes to the NASDAQ Dividend Achievers Index

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NEW YORK, Jan. 30, 2007 (PRIME NEWSWIRE) -- The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. ("NASDAQ") (Nasdaq:NDAQ) and Mergent, Inc. announced today the results of the annual review of the NASDAQ(r) Dividend Achievers(tm) Index, which will become effective with the market open on Thursday, February 1, 2007.

The review will result in 21 securities being added to the Index. All securities meet Dividend Achievers requirements of increased annual regular dividend payments for the last 10 or more consecutive years. The securities must also meet additional liquidity screening criteria as determined by Mergent. As a result of the annual reconstitution, three securities will be removed from the Index. The net result is that there are 99 companies identified as Dividend Achievers listed on NASDAQ.

The NASDAQ Dividend Achievers Index is calculated using a market capitalization weighting methodology. The index will be calculated and disseminated on a price return basis (Nasdaq:DIVQ) and a total return basis (Nasdaq:DVQT). For more information about the NASDAQ Dividend Achievers Index, including eligibility criteria, visit **www.NASDAQ.com**.

Additions:

ALAB Alabama National BanCorporation
BANR Banner Corp.

FBNC First Bancorp (NC)
FCBC First Community Bancshares, Inc.
FFIC Flushing Financial Corp.
FFIN First Financial Bankshares, Inc.
HRZB Horizon Financial Corp.
HTLF Heartland Financial USA, Inc
IFIN Investors Financial Services Corp.
MSFG MainSource Financial Group Inc
OMEF Omega Financial Corp.
PBKS Provident Bankshares Corp
PEBO Peoples Bancorp, Inc.
RNST Renasant Corp
SBCF Seacost Banking Corp of Florida
SFNC Simmons First National Corp.
SYBT S.Y. Bancorp, Inc.
THFF First Financial Corp.
UMBF UMB Financial Corp
WASH Washington Trust Bancorp, Inc
WCBO West Coast Bancorp

Deletions:

BPOP Popular Inc.
QUIX Quixote Corp.
SUBK Suffolk Bancorp

About Mergent

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