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Merchants Information Solutions Partners With Industry Leader NXG
To Enhance Merchants Credit Care Product

*Two Companies Team Up To Provide Complete
Identity Theft Recovery Services For Businesses and Individuals*

PHOENIX, ARIZONA (date, 2006) — Merchants Information Solutions has partnered with NXG, an industry leader in identity theft protection and restoration services, to enhance Merchants' services to financial institutions, businesses and individuals.

The two companies have teamed up to further expand the services offered as part of Merchants Credit Care, the Phoenix-based company's new service designed to help victims of identity theft as well as organizations who want to provide identity theft protection to customers, employees or protect themselves against security breaches.

Merchants Credit Care® is a *fully managed identity theft recovery service*. With Merchants Credit Care, clients will have the ability to completely turn over the burden of identity theft recovery to a professional caseworker, who will perform the research, documentation, and follow-up that is required to completely restore the individual's credit and credibility. It's a one-of-a-kind service designed to comprehensively manage the process of recovering from identity theft, and return the victim's identity to pre-event status. In addition to managed recovery Merchants Credit Care identity theft membership service also provides access to credit reports, credit monitoring expense reimbursement for individuals and family's.

NXG provides complete sales distribution, marketing, end-to-end implementation support, as well as comprehensive end-user training on the subject of identity theft and corporate breach mitigation. Merchants Credit Care identity theft services will be marketed under the NXG proprietary product name of IDSafeChoice and IDSafeChoice Plus.

NXG is also the creator and author of the Information Security Readiness Plan (ISRP), a 400-page, comprehensive template for creating or auditing a corporate information security program. At the heart of ISRP is a complete Emergency Response Protocol that can be enacted when there is a security breach that results in the loss of personal information.

"Our partnership with NXG means that Merchants Credit Care clients get even more resources and expertise to help them fight the negative effects of identity theft and security breaches," said Russ Johnson, CEO & President of Merchants Information Solutions. "We are thrilled to be able to work with NXG to provide organizations of all kinds with affordable, reliable identity theft recovery and security solutions."



Merchants Credit Care is available to individuals affected by identity theft, companies who wish to offer the option of such services to employees as an employee benefit, associations or financial institutions who wish to offer the service to members and retailers who wish to offer the service to customers. MIS is the first company in Arizona to offer a fully managed identity theft recovery service.

Merchants Credit Care is particularly valuable to corporations because the workplace is the number-one source of identity theft, and new laws expose companies to regulatory fines and class-action lawsuits if they are found to be negligent with their records.

Merchants Credit Care has four key components, including:

- Fully managed resolution – where an identity theft recovery advocate acts on behalf of an identity theft victim (through a limited power of attorney). MIS's professionals do all the work necessary to overcome the effects of identity theft, and the victim is free to get on with his life.
- Benchmarking tools, including access to credit reports and scores, daily monitoring, and daily alerts.
- Expense reimbursement, which covers costs incurred for legal expenses, lost wages, overnight mail and other expenses. The program also includes coverage for qualified dependents up to age 25, self-employed individuals and partners.
- An education program through monthly emails and website access.

"We are very confident about the strength and capabilities of Merchants Information Solutions. Merchants is the only company with a dedicated Identity Theft division and they have also been around for over 90 years. NXG has over 25 national marketing organizations that will access Merchants identity theft program services through NGX's customer acquisition and retention plan product name of IDSafeChoice and IDSafeChoice Plus. NXG's marketing partners include several firms that specialize in financial institutions, associations, auto dealers and international risk consulting companies. We look forward to our partnership with Merchants to help consumer and business entities combat identity theft and information security breach," said Scott Smitt, President & CEO of NXG Strategies, Inc.

About Merchants Information Solutions

Phoenix-based Merchants Information Solutions, Inc (MIS) has been in business since 1912, and is a privately held Phoenix-based company with over 2,600 business clients. MIS is a nationally recognized consumer and business credit information company focused on corporate risk reduction. The company provides consumer, business, and mortgage credit information, employment, tenant, and background screening services, and full-service collections services. For details, please visit www.merchantsinfo.com or call 602-744-3700.



About NXG Strategies, Inc.

NXG Strategies, Inc. is an industry leader in developing innovative programs to combat the effects of the fastest growing crime in America today -- *Identity Theft*. As a nationally recognized consulting and marketing organization, NXG Strategies represents the nation's top providers of identity theft monitoring and recovery services. We serve employers, financial institutions, associations, and other organizations who would like to sponsor a program for the benefit of their employees, customers and membership bases. For more information about NXG Strategies, Inc, visit www.nxgstrategies.com.