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Merchants Information Solutions Help Property Management
Companies Protect Themselves, Their Properties and Their Communities

*Resident Screening Products Become Increasingly Popular As
More Investors and Growth of Phoenix Area Alter Marketplace*

PHOENIX, ARIZONA (April 25, 2006) — With the real-estate boom of the past few years, more and more people are buying properties and getting in the business of renting homes or apartments. The rising interest rates are also driving more people to rent rather than own.

But with that new opportunity comes challenges. How do landlords protect themselves, their properties — and even their communities — against the impacts of tenants who might have less-than-good intentions? It's a sad reality, but some tenants simply aren't interested in paying their rent or taking care of your property.

Merchants Information Solutions is helping landlords and property managers in this growing marketplace by providing several key resident screening services and decisioning models designed to provide the best information possible about those wishing to rent property.

The company serves thousands of clients nationwide, from small apartment communities and property owners to large property management firms with thousands of units. The services provide critical information such as: Re

- Identifying high-risk applicants
- Simplifying the application process
- Reducing delinquencies and evictions
- Promoting a crime-free environment

"These services are important for any property owner or manager because it can save them a great deal of money and hassle by screening out potentially bad tenants before they move in," said Jim Collard, Director of Sales for Merchants Information Solutions. "But they also are critical to communities, and in some cases can even help prevent crime by identifying those with a criminal record before they can create problems in a community."

Merchants' products include their complete Resident Profile Reports, consumer credit reports, criminal searches, social security record searches and eviction reports. This set of information can help landlords and property managers identify people with a poor payment history, previous criminal records and even those who might be committing identity theft.

Resident screening is one of several services Merchants provides, including identity theft management & resolution services, pre-employment screening, credit report resolution and business credit information.

“Our company has a great deal of experience in issues related to credit and background screenings, so it’s a natural fit for us to provide these important products to landlords and property managers,” Collard said. “At a time when the investment real estate market is more active than ever, it’s important for property owners and management companies to protect themselves as much as possible.”

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, identity theft management and full-service collections services. For details, please visit www.merchantsinfo.com or call 602-744-3700.