



## Press Release

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### **Morningstar, Inc. Completes Acquisition of Hemscott Businesses from Ipreo Holdings LLC**

CHICAGO, Jan. 9, 2008—Morningstar, Inc. (NASDAQ: MORN), a leading provider of independent investment research, today announced it has completed its previously announced acquisition of the Hemscott data, media, and investor relations Web site businesses from Ipreo Holdings LLC for \$51.6 million in cash, subject to working capital adjustments.

The acquisition includes:

- Hemscott Data, which has more than 20 years of comprehensive fundamental data on virtually all publicly listed companies in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, and Ireland;
- Hemscott Guru, a leading online research tool that contains financial data and directors' biographies on more than 2,500 UK-quoted companies and 400,000 private companies;
- Hemscott Adviser Rankings Guide, a comprehensive listing of more than 1,800 leading providers of professional services to all UK- and Irish-registered companies listed on the London Stock Exchange;
- Hemscott India, which operates a state-of-the-art data collection center in New Delhi, India;
- Hemscott.com, a free investment research Web site in the United Kingdom, and Hemscott Premium and Premium Plus, subscription-based investment research and data services for executives and high net-worth investors; and
- Hemscott IR, a pioneer in best-practice online investor relations and corporate communications services in the United Kingdom.

The Hemscott businesses that Morningstar acquired have approximately 200 employees in New Delhi, India, 70 employees in London, and 10 employees in the United States.

About Morningstar, Inc.

Morningstar, Inc. is a leading provider of independent investment research in the United States and in major international markets. The company offers an extensive line of Internet, software, and print-based products and services for individuals, financial advisors, and institutions. Morningstar provides data on

more than 260,000 investment offerings, including stocks, mutual funds, and similar vehicles. The company has operations in 18 countries and minority ownership positions in companies based in three other countries.

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Other factors that could materially affect actual results, levels of activity, performance, or achievements can be found in Morningstar’s filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including Morningstar’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended Dec. 31, 2006. If any of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or if our underlying assumptions prove to be incorrect, actual results may vary significantly from what we projected. Any forward-looking statement you read in this press release reflects our current views with respect to future events and is subject to these and other risks, uncertainties, and assumptions relating to our operations, results of operations, growth strategy, and liquidity. We assume no obligation to publicly update or revise these forward-looking statements for any reason, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.