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Merrill Corporation Earns Annual “Global M&A Advisor” Award for Merrill DataSite™ Solution from M&A Advisors

Merrill DataSite recognized for its high-quality virtual data room solution and commitment to providing responsive customer service

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St. Paul, Minn. – Merrill Corporation, the leading global provider of technology-enabled services for the legal, financial, health care, real estate and other corporate markets, today announced that Merrill DataSite, the premier virtual data room for mergers, acquisitions and other related business transactions used by the world’s leading deal makers, has received the “M&A Product/Service of the Year Award” for the industry’s first annual Global M&A Advisor Award.

“We are extremely honored to receive this global award for our virtual data room solution,” said Ed Bifulk, president of Merrill DataSite, “We are dedicated to providing our customers with a first-class solution and unmatched customer service 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and we’re thrilled to be recognized for our efforts by the international financial community.”

Award recipients from Africa, Asia, Europe and North America were selected by an independent panel of judges representing a cross-section of the M&A industry. The jury assembled for this round of awards from The M&A Advisor consisted of experienced industry professionals including financial professionals, academics, consultants and service providers. Judges were volunteers and not past or present employees of, or consultants to The M&A Advisor. Also, they had no financial or business affiliation with the organization.

Merrill DataSite is a virtual data room that is used for the organization and exchange of sensitive information between buyers and sellers during a merger or acquisition, as well as transactions such as IPOs, secondary offerings and bankruptcies. Virtual data rooms empower companies to quickly and efficiently review relevant information and facilitate business transactions across borders. In addition to this prestigious award, it is believed that Merrill DataSite was the first virtual data room to receive the ISO 27001 certification for its comprehensive Information Security Management System (ISMS). The ISO 27001 standard, developed by the International Organization for Standards to establish international requirements for information security and certification of ISMS, is designed to ensure effective protection of information assets in foreign markets, across national and regional boundaries.

For more information about Merrill DataSite, please visit www.datasite.com.

About Merrill Corporation

Founded in 1968 and headquartered in St. Paul, Minn., Merrill Corporation (www.merrillcorp.com) is a leading provider of outsourced solutions for complex business communication and information management. Merrill’s services include document and data management, litigation support, language translation services, branded communication programs, fulfillment, imaging and printing. Merrill’s target markets include the legal, financial

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services, insurance and real estate industries. With more than 5,200 people in over 70 domestic and 15 international locations, Merrill empowers the communications of the world's leading companies.

About Merrill DataSite

Merrill DataSite™ is a comprehensive virtual data room (VDR) solution that accelerates the due diligence process by providing a secure online document repository for confidential time sensitive documents. Merrill DataSite overcomes the many limitations of a traditional paper data room by enabling companies to present critical business information to multiple prospective buyers in a secure Web-based environment. As a result, transaction time and expense are dramatically reduced. Merrill DataSite can be rapidly deployed and is accessible by viewers throughout the world via the Internet. As a leading provider of VDR solutions worldwide, Merrill DataSite has empowered nearly 1.5 million unique visitors to perform electronic due diligence on thousands of transactions totaling trillions of dollars in asset value.

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