EBSCO Publishing and Mergent, Inc. Agreement Adds More Content to EBSCO Discovery Service™
~ Metadata from Mergent, Inc.’s Annual Reports Database Will Be Added to Base Index of EBSCO Discovery Service™ ~

IPSWICH, Mass. — January 20, 2011— EBSCO Publishing (EBSCO) and Mergent, Inc. (Mergent) have come to an agreement allowing metadata from Mergent’s largest collection, the Annual Reports Database, to be added to the Base Index of EBSCO Discovery Service™ (EDS). The addition of Mergent resources to the EDS Base Index enhances the quality of metadata available and brings added value to EDS customers.

Mergent’s Annual Reports Database includes more than 300,000 annual reports from global publicly traded companies and is continually updated throughout the year. Metadata from Mergent’s collection will also include archived annual reports dating back ten years. Additional collections from Mergent may be added to the Base Index of EDS in the future.

Founded in 1900, Mergent has become a leading provider of business and financial data on global publicly listed companies. The company is based in the U.S. but maintains a strong global presence, with offices in New York, Charlotte, San Diego, London, Tokyo and Melbourne.

Mergent joins a long list of publishers and other content partners who are taking part in EDS to bring more visibility to their content, such as: the British Library, Baker & Taylor, NewsBank, Readex, LexisNexis, JSTOR, Alexander Street Press, Oxford University Press, American Psychological Association, ABC-CLIO, ingentaconnect, Government Printing Office, ECONIS and for mutual customers Web of Science & H.W. Wilson—a growing list of information sources available to EBSCO Discovery Service users.

EBSCO Discovery Service is quickly becoming the discovery selection for many libraries (www.ebscohost.com/discovery/eds-news), and an obvious partner for content providers. Because the service builds on the foundation provided by the EBSCOhost platform, libraries gain a full
user experience for discovering their collections/OPAC—which is not typical in the discovery space. Further still, in the many universities and other libraries where EBSCOHost is the most-used platform for premium research, users are not asked to change their pathways or habits for searching. There’s simply more to discover on the familiar EBSCOHost platform, and the same can be said for library administrators who can leverage their previous work with EBSCOadmin.

*EBSCO Discovery Service* creates a unified, customized index of an institution’s information resources, and an easy, yet powerful means of accessing all of that content from a single search box—searching made even more powerful because of the quality of metadata and depth and breadth of coverage.

The EDS Base Index forms the foundation upon which each EDS subscribing library builds out its custom collection. Beginning with the Base Index, each institution extends the reach of EDS by adding appropriate resources including its catalog, institutional repositories, EBSCOHost and other databases, and additional content sources to which it subscribes. It is this combination that allows a single, comprehensive, custom solution for discovering the value of any library’s collection.

The EDS Base Index is comprised of metadata from the world’s foremost information providers. At present, the EDS Base Index represents content from approximately 20,000 providers in addition to metadata from another 70,000 book publishers. Although constantly growing, today the EDS Base Index provides metadata for nearly 50,000 magazines & journals, approximately 825,000 CDs & DVDs, nearly six million books, more than 100 million newspaper articles, more than 400,000 conference proceedings and hundreds of thousands of additional information sources from various source-types.

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