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## **Spherion Announces Launch of The Mergis Group**

*New specialty recruiting division created to meet the growing demand of the professional services sector*

Fort Lauderdale, Fla. August 13, 2007 — Spherion Corporation (NYSE: SFN), a leading provider of recruiting, staffing and workforce solutions, announced the launch of The Mergis Group. This leading specialty professional recruiting firm delivers highly skilled workers in project and direct-hire positions across a range of professional disciplines, including accounting and finance, information technology, legal, engineering, sales and marketing and human resources.

The Mergis Group operates as an independent subsidiary of Spherion in 26 offices across the United States. Developed to meet the growing demand for key professional-level positions, Mergis is managed through a national network of recruiters with in-depth local market knowledge to match candidates' skills and personalities to their clients' unique business needs.

"Government statistics have shown that the professional services sector is projected to comprise 21 million jobs in 2014 and grow at an annual rate of 2.5 percent," said Jack Causa, senior vice president and group executive, The Mergis Group. "Because this sector is one of the high growth occupational groups, we anticipate the need for these specialized individuals to grow steadily into the future. With concerns over the present skill shortage plaguing key sectors, we believe that we have the extensive industry experience, business model and local market knowledge to help close this gap."

According to Causa, recruiting specialized professionals to keep up with demand requires balance saying, "In a tight job market, companies are looking for the total package: the right skill set, interpersonal skills and business acumen. This undertaking, combined with baby boomers preparing for a mass exodus and fewer graduates pursuing key degrees, will only intensify as companies require workers with more advanced skills. With Mergis Group, our goal is to fill the critical hiring needs of our clients, while building long-lasting relationships."

The Mergis Group serves a diverse portfolio of clients ranging from Fortune 500 companies to small and mid-sized businesses.

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**About The Mergis Group**

The Mergis Group, is a leading professional placement firm that specializes in recruiting for positions in information technology, accounting and finance, legal, engineering and manufacturing, sales and marketing and human resources. The firm provides recruiting services to Fortune 500 and small and mid-sized companies through its network of 26 offices nationally.

The Mergis Group is an independent division of Spherion Corporation (NYSE:SFN). For more information, please visit [www.mergisgroup.com](http://www.mergisgroup.com).

**About Spherion**

Spherion Corporation (NYSE: SFN) is a leading recruiting and staffing company that provides integrated solutions to meet the evolving needs of companies and job candidates. As an industry pioneer for more than 60 years, Spherion has screened and placed millions of individuals in temporary, temp- to-hire and full-time jobs. Positions range from administrative and light industrial to a host of professions that include accounting/finance, information technology, engineering, manufacturing, legal, human resources and sales/marketing.

With approximately 650 locations in the United States and Canada, Spherion delivers innovative workforce solutions that improve business performance. Spherion provides its services to more than 8,000 customers, from Fortune 500 companies to a wide range of small and mid-size organizations. Employing nearly 300,000 people annually through its network, Spherion is one of North America's largest employers.

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