

# Zacks Investment Research Announces Acquisition of CRSP Proxy Stock Performance Graph Services and Exclusive Index License

**June 18, 2008** — Zacks Investment Research, Inc. and The Center for Research in Security Prices of the Graduate School of Business at the University of Chicago today announced that Zacks has acquired the CRSP Proxy Graph Service and that Zacks will be the exclusive licensee of the twenty-four CRSP calculated NASDAQ and AMEX Industry Indexes. These **CRSP Total Return Indexes for the NASDAQ and AMEX include: NASDAQ Financial, NASDAQ Non-Financial, NASDAQ Pharmaceutical, NASDAQ Computer Manufacturer, NASDAQ Computer & Data Processing, NASDAQ Bank, NASDAQ Health Services, NASDAQ Electronic Components, NASDAQ Transportation, NASDAQ Retail Trade, NASDAQ Insurance, NASDAQ Medical Equipment, NASDAQ Telecommunications, AMEX Wholesale and Retail Trade, AMEX Technology, AMEX Health Products & Services, AMEX Banks & Financial Services, AMEX Media & Communications, AMEX Consumer Manufacturing, AMEX Real Estate & REITs, AMEX Industrial Manufacturing, and AMEX Natural Resources.**

"We are pleased and honored that Zacks SEC Compliance Services Group will be the only performance graph provider authorized by CRSP to use the CRSP created NASDAQ and AMEX industry indexes in the SEC required total return performance graphs for the Annual Report" said Len Zacks, CEO of Zacks Investment Research, "and we welcome CRSP clients to Zacks."

"We have chosen a good partner" said David Barclay, COO of CRSP. "By authorizing Zacks to be the exclusive licensee of the CRSP created NASDAQ and AMEX industry indexes we are assuring our clients that their performance graphs will be produced with integrity and in adherence to our index license agreement."

## **About the Zacks SEC Compliance Services Group (SCSG)**

Zacks SCSG has been helping public companies fulfill complex SEC compliance requirements since 1992 by producing customized total return performance graphs, which include broad-based and industry indexes from index providers such as Standard and Poor's, Dow Jones and others. We are happy that we will now be able to meet the needs of those corporations who want to include the CRSP produced NASDAQ and AMEX industry indexes in their performance graphs which they provide to the SEC.

## **About The Center for Research in Security Prices, Graduate School of Business, University of Chicago (CRSP)**

The Center for Research in Security Prices is a research center at the Graduate School of Business of the University of Chicago and has been an integral part of the academic and commercial world of financial and economic research. **CRSP** has provided an unparalleled foundation as the leading source for the most comprehensive and accurate historical US databases available for over 40 years. **CRSP** provides the following data files: common stocks on the NYSE, AMEX and NASDAQ; **CRSP** Indexes; NASDAQ and S&P 500 composite indexes; Total Return NASDAQ and AMEX Industry Indexes; US Treasury bonds; Survivor-Bias-Free Mutual Funds; **CRSP/COMPUSTAT** Merged Database; **CRSP/Ziman** Real Estate Data Series; market capitalization reports; and custom datasets. The **CRSP Total Return Indexes for the NASDAQ and AMEX include: NASDAQ Financial, NASDAQ Non-Financial, NASDAQ Pharmaceutical, NASDAQ Computer Manufacturer, NASDAQ Computer & Data Processing, NASDAQ Bank, NASDAQ Health Services, NASDAQ Electronic Components, NASDAQ Transportation, NASDAQ Retail Trade, NASDAQ Insurance, NASDAQ Medical Equipment, AMEX Wholesale and Retail Trade, AMEX Technology, AMEX Health Products & Services, AMEX Banks & Financial Services, AMEX Media & Communications, AMEX Consumer Manufacturing, AMEX Real Estate & REITs, AMEX Industrial Manufacturing, and AMEX Natural Resources.**

Additionally, **CRSP** continues to develop new research resources. Through its unique products **CRSP** assists subscribers all over the world to achieve superior research results and make better investment decisions. Every two years CRSP brings together the academic and the investment industry communities to participate in, contribute to, and share new developments and knowledge at the CRSP Forum. The CRSP Forum 2008 will take place in November.

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**About Zacks Investment Research, Inc.**

Founded in 1978, **Zacks** provides equity research, market data and investment management services to individuals, brokerage firms, and institutional investors. Zacks is most widely known for the Zacks Rank based US equity model portfolio whose annualized returns since 1982 have been in excess of 30%. **Zacks** originated the concept of the EPS surprise based on the consensus of quarterly EPS estimates, which has grown to become a centerpiece of equity investing worldwide.

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