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## **Asurion Merger Complete**

### **DST Systems, Inc. Subsidiary lock/line Merges With Asurion Following DOJ and Regulatory Approvals**

Nashville, Tenn. (Jan. 3, 2006) –Asurion announced today that its merger with lock\line, a subsidiary of DST Systems, Inc., has received approval from the U.S. Department of Justice and other regulatory clearances. The merger officially closed on January 1, 2006.

The merger agreement, originally announced on October 27, brings together two of the leading U.S. companies that provide specialty insurance and other marketing services for the wireless telecommunications and other technology industries. The company will offer warranty, insurance, roadside assistance and enterprise managed mobility solutions for wireless carriers and their customers. Additional product lines include consumer debt protection programs and insurance/warranty solutions for non-wireless technology and telecommunications firms in the U.S., Canada and Asia.

The newly combined organization will continue as the Asurion Corporation. The combined company has approximately 4,500 employees and projected 2006 revenues in excess of \$1 billion.

Kevin Taweel, who co-founded Asurion in 1994, will remain as Chairman of the new company. Bret Comolli will continue in his role as CEO. Chuck Laue, the President of lock\line prior to the merger, will serve as President of North America operations reporting to Bret Comolli.

“The continued success of the company can truly be contributed to all of the employees of our new merged company. It is because of their dedication to service and quality that this was possible,” said Bret Comolli, CEO of Asurion. Our merger has received the necessary approval and it will result in tremendous benefits for our wireless and telecom partners, subscribers, and employees.”

Asurion, the leading provider of enhanced services to the wireless industry, provides proven products combined with the continuous innovation essential in a dynamic industry. Our success is built on a foundation of shared values with our clients -- quality service, relationships, integrity, and financial strength. Offerings include Roadside Assistance Services, Handset Insurance Services, Warranty Management and Equipment Maintenance Services, Debt Protection, and Mobile Applications.

Asurion serves millions of subscribers through its relationships with leading wireless carriers in North America and Asia. For additional information about Asurion, visit [www.asurion.com](http://www.asurion.com).

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