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**CHRISTOPHER M. HUGHES NAMED DIRECTOR OF INSURANCE DISTRIBUTION FOR
MERGER & ACQUISITION SERVICES**

New York, New York – January 5, 2010 – Merger & Acquisition Services, Inc., is pleased to announce that Christopher M. Hughes has joined the firm as Director of Insurance Distribution, specializing in insurance agencies, MGAs, MGUs, E&S agencies, wholesalers and ancillary insurance businesses. Mr. Hughes will also head the Merger & Acquisition Services Hartford, Connecticut office.

Mr. Hughes comes to Merger & Acquisition Services, Inc. with over 10 years of insurance and legal experience working on engagements with Property / Casualty and Life / Health insurance distribution businesses. He previously served as an advisor for a boutique firm in CT where his exclusive focus was on insurance distribution companies. In addition, Mr. Hughes spent 7 years as a senior product manager for The Hartford Financial Services Group (“HIG”) with full P&L accountability for specialty products and as director of HIG’s internal retained asset and structured settlement departments. Prior to The Hartford, Mr. Hughes practiced commercial litigation in Boca Raton, Florida.

“We are excited about growing and expanding M&A’s core capabilities with Chris’ experience and expertise within the insurance distribution business,” said Jason Murgio, Principal of M&A.

Mr. Hughes holds a J.D. from Northern Illinois University, a M.B.A. from the University of Connecticut and a B.A. from the University of West Florida.

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