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Payments 2008 Follows “Green” Lead of Member Financial Institutions

Innovative Improvements Planned to “Green” the Conference

HERNDON, Va., December 4, 2007—PAYMENTS 2008, NACHA’s annual conference, will be held May 18-21, 2008 at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas. This showcase event for the electronic payments industry will include new environmental meeting practices that will also provide benefits for the attendee, the association, and the community.

“PAYMENTS provides premium educational opportunities, and incorporating environmentally friendly meeting practices into the event is the right thing to do,” said Danne L. Buchanan, executive vice president of Zions Bancorporation and PAYMENTS 2008 conference chair. “A critical success factor for any organization is to stay informed—and ahead—of business issues and impacts. The rapid depletion of our natural resources is a business issue with real impact; our forums can serve to inform as well as lead change.”

PAYMENTS 2008 will feature a full spectrum of industry topics, including:

- Innovation in systems and technology;
- Risk management needs and practices;
- Check electrification;
- Pay It Green™ and evolving “green” financial practices;
- Global trends and impacts.

“PAYMENTS is about setting the industry agenda. The financial services industry is implementing policies and practices that are good for our customers, the environment, and the organization,” said Len Heckwolf, investment and initiative management executive, Bank of America, immediate past chair of the NACHA Board of Directors, and chairman of NACHA’s Environmental Impact Steering Committee. “The organizations represented at PAYMENTS are the same influential and respected organizations that are taking today’s environmental threats seriously and staking their reputations on efforts to curb those threats. In this case, the NACHA Board believes that implementing a set of relatively small changes in meeting practices can go a long way toward a cleaner tomorrow.”

Specifically, NACHA is committed to minimizing the environmental impact of PAYMENTS 2008 through:

- Decreasing the amount of solid waste produced by the event;
- Reducing energy and water consumption at the event;
- Disposing of solid waste in an environmentally responsible manner.

For more information about PAYMENTS 2008, please visit <http://www.nacha.org/conferences/Payments2008/default.htm>.

NACHA - The Electronic Payments Association

NACHA—The Electronic Payments Association represents more than 11,000 member financial institutions, a network of regional payments associations, and 585 organizations through its industry councils. NACHA manages the development, administration and governance of the Automated Clearing House (ACH) Network - an efficient, reliable, and secure payments system that facilitates commerce electronically. NACHA serves its members by promulgating the *NACHA Operating Rules*; managing the ACH Network; promoting the value of ACH payments; and offering tools and resources to facilitate adoption of ACH payments. To learn more, visit www.nacha.org and www.electronicpayments.org.

Additional Information About the Pay It Green™ Alliance:

The Pay It Green™ Alliance was formed in 2007 to educate consumers about the positive environmental impact of choosing electronic bills, statements and payments over paper alternatives. The Alliance is comprised of leaders in the financial and consumer billing industries including representatives from Bank of America, Capital One, CheckFree, Citi, Citizens Bank, EPN, Harris Bank, the Federal Reserve Banks, Fiserv, JPMorgan Chase, The Payments Authority, SunTrust Bank, Wachovia, Wells Fargo, and U.S. Bank. Special advisors to the Alliance are AT&T, Con Edison and Qwest Communications. NACHA—The Electronic Payments Association is coordinating the initiative. Visit www.electronicpayments.org/green for additional information.