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Merchants Leasing Hires Tom Noble as West Coast Regional Sales Manager

July 28, 2006, Manchester, NH—Merchants Leasing is pleased to announce that Tom Noble has joined the company as its Regional Sales Manager for the West Coast. Noble has more than 20 years experience in the fleet leasing industry. He previously served for four years as Regional Vice President for LeasePlan in the West Coast and Northeast markets. Prior to that, he worked for GE Fleet and U.S. Fleet Leasing. Noble resides in Thousand Oaks, CA.

About Merchants Leasing

Merchants Leasing offers customers nationwide a total fleet solution which includes its unique *No Risk* closed-end lease option. Other services include professional insurance and maintenance programs, fuel cards to manage mileage and gasoline expenses, local and nationwide delivery, and expert fleet management and administration services. Merchants leases a variety of vehicles including cars, trucks and vans, law enforcement vehicles, handicap-equipped vehicles and more. Merchants Leasing is part of Merchants Automotive Group and a Singer Family Company which includes Merchants Original Auto Superstore, Merchants Nissan in Concord, NH, as well as Merchants Service and CARQUEST Parts. For more information about Merchants Leasing, visit the company's website at www.merchantsleasing.com.

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