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Distinguished Programs Announces the Acquisition of The Colonial Group

Expanded Product Offering Will Provide Comprehensive Solutions for Brokers

NEW YORK, NY, November 1st, 2011—Distinguished Programs Group LLC (Distinguished) has acquired the assets of The Colonial Group (Colonial), a managing general agency specializing in insuring small mercantile businesses in New York, such as restaurants, laundromats and nail salons.

The Colonial product mix will complement Distinguished's product portfolio, notably the New York Brick & Brownstone program, which features a package product designed for brownstones, condos, co-ops and rental buildings. The acquisition will allow Distinguished to provide insurance to both the building owners and their small commercial tenants, extending better and broader business solutions to the marketplace.

"Colonial's underwriting experience and longstanding prominence in New York will be a valuable asset to our organization," said Carla Vel, President and Chief Operating Officer of Distinguished. "The mutual focus on small accounts will allow us to leverage our distribution networks and profitably grow our book of business. We are thrilled to welcome the talented team at Colonial to the Distinguished Programs Group."

Jeremy R. Hitzig, Chief Executive Officer of Distinguished commented, "This acquisition is a great strategic fit for both of our organizations. We're confident that our customers and insurance company partners will realize significant additional value through the combination."

Distinguished was advised by Gill & Roeser Holdings, Inc.

For more information on Colonial, please visit www.dpcolonial.com.

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About Distinguished Programs

Distinguished Programs is a leading national insurance program manager focused on niche products for select business segments and industries. The company provides a wide range of competitive property and liability products for real estate risks and an umbrella liability program for museums. Products are distributed through a growing network of more than 3,000 independent agents and brokers. Distinguished's subsidiary companies include SES Insurance Brokerage Services, Inc., the premier insurance program manager and service provider for bank-managed trust property portfolios and China-based ReSource Pro, the leading business process outsourcing company for the insurance industry. The company is also a partner in IDP Holdings, a joint venture acquisition vehicle. Distinguished is the recipient of the "Best Practices Designation" by the Target Markets Program Administrators Association. For more information, please visit www.distinguished.com.

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