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Press Release

Milliman analysis: Rising interest rates improve corporate pension funded status by \$25 billion in June

Despite a \$10 billion investment loss, deficit shrinks to \$186 billion

Seattle – July 7, 2011 – Milliman, Inc., a premier global consulting and actuarial firm, today released the results of its latest Pension Funding Index, which consists of 100 of the nation's largest defined benefit pension plans. In June, these plans experienced a \$10 billion investment loss but still saw an overall improvement in funded status due to a \$35 billion liability reduction. This resulted in a \$25 billion improvement in the funded status deficit, bringing it to \$186 billion.

"Normally when assets decline we're in for a fall in pension funded status, but not this month," said John Ehrhardt, co-author of the Milliman Pension Funding Study. "In fact it's a rare combination: a funded status improvement driven by liabilities and in spite of a decline in assets. In the eleven years we have tracked this data, we have only seen this combination in a total of ten months."

Over the last 12 months, the cumulative asset return has been 15.0% and the Milliman 100 PFI funded status has improved by \$182 billion, pushing the funded ratio from 74.2% up to 87.0% at the end of June.

To view the complete study, go to <http://ow.ly/4xFIt>. To receive regular updates of Milliman's pension funding analysis, contact us at pensionfunding@milliman.com.

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About the Milliman 100 Pension Funding Index

For the past 11 years, Milliman has conducted an annual study of the 100 largest defined benefit pension plans sponsored by U.S. public companies. The Milliman 100 Pension Funding Index projects the funded status for pension plans included in our study, reflecting the monthly impact of market returns and interest-rate changes on pension funded status, utilizing the actual reported asset values, liabilities, and asset allocations of the companies' pension plans.

The results of the Milliman 100 Pension Funding Index were based on the actual pension plan accounting information disclosed in the footnotes to the companies' annual reports for the preceding fiscal year and for previous fiscal years. In addition to providing the financial information on the funded status of U.S.



qualified pension plans, the footnotes may also include figures for the companies' nonqualified and foreign plans, both of which are often unfunded or subject to funding standards different from those for U.S. qualified pension plans. The results do not represent the funded status of the companies' U.S. qualified pension plans under ERISA.

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