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Milliman analysis: Corporate pensions see \$186 billion deficit increase during 2nd quarter of 2012

Plunging discount rates drive up pension liabilities by \$77 billion in June, swamping asset improvement and capping bad quarter

Seattle – July 9, 2012 – 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 pensions experienced a \$57 billion decrease in funded status based on a \$77 billion increase in the pension benefit obligation (PBO) and a \$20 billion increase in asset value. The \$57 billion decrease in funded status pairs with the combined April and May decreases of \$129 billion, increasing the funding deficit by \$186 billion during the second quarter.

"With the help of the lowest discount rate in the 12-year history of our study, corporate pensions last month saw their funding deficit increase to a near-record \$415 billion," said John Ehrhardt, co-author of the Milliman Pension Funding Study. "This is the second worst deficit we've seen."

In June, the discount rate used to calculate pension liabilities fell from 4.56% to 4.32%, pushing the PBO up to \$1.698 trillion at the end of the month. The overall asset value for these 100 pensions increased from \$1.263 trillion to \$1.283 trillion.

Looking forward, if these 100 pensions were to achieve their expected 7.8% median asset return and if the current discount rate of 4.32% were to be maintained throughout 2012 and 2013, these pensions would improve the pension funded ratio from 75.6% to 77.4% by the end of 2012 and to 82.0% by the end of 2013.

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 12 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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