

**PACE PAYMENT SYSTEMS &  
BRANTLEY PARTNERS ANNOUNCE  
INVESTMENT IN CENTURY BANKCARD SERVICES**

Nashville, TN November 11, 2009: Pace Payment Systems, Inc. (“Pace”) has announced a merger with Century Bankcard Services, Inc. (“CBS”). CBS is a leading provider of electronic payment processing solutions and services to a broad array of merchants throughout the United States. Terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

CBS is led by Rick Ferrante, Steve Clark and Scott Scherr, each of whom have significant experience in the payment processing industry. Pace is led by Paul Christians, who has successfully grown several business service organizations by accelerating internal growth and completing strategic acquisitions. Prior to the formation of Pace, Paul Christians was the Chief Executive Officer of Prime Office Products, Inc., a Brantley IV portfolio company that was successfully sold to Staples, Inc.

Now in its 10<sup>th</sup> year of operation, CBS has built a strong portfolio of merchant customers through its commitment and support of its agents and bank partners. The addition of Pace, with its resources and growth strategies, will allow a continuation of this effort while entering a new phase of growth through internal investment and select acquisitions

“We are very excited about the opportunity to work and partner with Rick, Scott, and Steve the CBS associates and our Agent partners. CBS is an exceptional platform that will support our growth initiatives while continuing to provide industry leading levels of service to our merchant agents and other industry stakeholders,” said Paul Christians, Chief Executive Officer of Pace.

“This merger is a great opportunity to build on the success CBS has enjoyed since our inception and we strongly believe in the benefits it will create for our agent partners and merchant customers.” said Rick Ferrante, Senior Vice President of CBS. CBS Senior Vice President Steve Clark added, “Partnering with Pace will allow us access to capital to fund marketing initiatives and to pursue strategic acquisitions for the continued expansion of our portfolio. Pace’s management team has demonstrated a proven record of success which will complement the future goals for CBS.”

Founded in 1999, by Rick Ferrante, Steve Clark and Scott Scherr, CBS processes nearly \$1.7 billion in credit card transactions through its network of agents, referral banks and in-house sales team. The firm is headquartered in Los Angeles, CA

The transaction was supported by Brantley Partners V, L.P. in Pace Payment Systems, Inc. to support its merger with CBS. Brantley led an equity investment with several other investors that included Prudential Capital Partners III, L.P. and Valley Forge Fund VII, LP. Prudential Capital Group and Prudential Capital Partners provided debt capital in conjunction with the equity investment.

The Strawhecker Group, a management consulting firm focused on the Payments Industry advised Pace on the transaction.

