



DaimlerChrysler Services

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(Wichita, KS – Jan. 14, 2002) DaimlerChrysler Services has chosen WeatherData, Inc. to provide weather risk management and monitoring for 42 facilities in the U.S., Puerto Rico, Mexico, and Canada.

The three-year contract for WeatherData's SkyGuard system provides criteria-specific weather warnings, simultaneous and redundant notification, and a customized website. Service and monitoring began January 1, 2003, with the website component starting February 1.

According to Brian Bradley, Security Manager for DaimlerChrysler Services, SkyGuard is an integral part of their disaster planning process. "Timely and accurate severe weather notification is paramount to employee safety. In addition, we are able to use the information provided to avoid unnecessary business disruptions."

SkyGuard was developed by WeatherData 10 years ago specifically to protect business people, facilities and operations and to minimize costly weather-related disruptions. It is a comprehensive weather risk management and monitoring system that combines meteorologists and business analysts with the latest technology and software in meteorology.

WeatherData consultants worked with Bradley to plan a system that would best serve DaimlerChrysler Services' 42 facilities. Based on geography, climatology, and the operations of each site, the criteria for activating warnings were set for tornadoes, high winds, ice and snow.

In the event of any of these conditions, WeatherData would issue a warning to the affected DaimlerChrysler Services location, with simultaneous notification by fax, pager, and designated website. If a warning is of a life-threatening nature, WeatherData would follow up the warning by confirming DaimlerChrysler Services' receipt of the notification.

The customized website enables DaimlerChrysler Services to view all monitored facilities, 24 hours a day from any web browser. The website plots the facilities by

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latitude and longitude and indicates any warnings or other pertinent weather information.

The SkyGuard system has served 52 sites for DaimlerChrysler Corporation since 1997. The addition of 42 sites for Daimler Chrysler Services brings the total to 94, making it the most number of sites WeatherData monitors for any company.

SkyGuard is a registered trademark of WeatherData, Inc. WeatherData is a 22-year-old commercial weather company that provides weather risk management consulting and weather forecasting products and services. Some of its clients include Sprint, Nokia, Toyota, General Motors, Burlington Northern Santa Fe, Canadian National Railway, and Boeing. For more information, visit www.weatherdata.com.

About DaimlerChrysler Services North America LLC

DaimlerChrysler Services North America LLC provides brand specific financing for automotive dealer's inventories and their retail consumers and does business as Chrysler Financial and Mercedes-Benz Credit. As DaimlerChrysler Services Truck Finance it also finances commercial vehicles for affiliate products such as Freightliner, Sterling and Western Star. The company serves as the headquarters for the operations in the United States, Canada and Mexico and has over 5,000 employees who manage a portfolio of \$82 billion with nearly five million contracts. DaimlerChrysler Services North America is a member of the DaimlerChrysler Services Group, headquartered in Berlin, Germany which operates in 38 countries with an employee base exceeding 10,000 and a global portfolio of EUR 115 billion. DaimlerChrysler Services is one of the leading financial services companies worldwide

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