



May 14, 2010 – Mariner Holdings, LLC is pleased to announce a partnership with The Nations Group, LLC in the formation of The Nations Group Advisors, LLC. The Nations Group Advisors is one of the first Native American owned and managed Registered Investment Advisors and is proud to introduce the Native American Wealth Practice model to Indian Country.

The Nations Group Advisors' mission is to ensure the preservation and the growth of Native American tribal assets by delivering a comprehensive, institutional perspective to tribal finance. This unique "Insti-tribal" service will allow The Nations Group Advisors to become a premier trusted advisor to Native American tribes, not just for investment management, but for all capital market needs.

Vince Logan, a member of the Osage Nation and President of The Nations Group Advisors states, "My goal has always been to deliver investment and financial best practices to my friends and colleagues in Indian Country. With this partnership, we've created a firm committed to making this a reality."

Mariner CEO, Martin Bicknell, commented: "We are delighted to form this partnership with The Nations Group. The Nations Group Advisors significantly expands the opportunities Mariner will have to work with Native American tribes."

Vince Logan is a skilled financial services veteran and former corporate attorney and is intimately familiar with the Native American community. He will provide skills and capabilities in addition to representing Mariner's various products and services. The Nations Group Advisors will manage all aspects of a tribe's financial planning and implementation process. This allows delivery of independent, customized, interdisciplinary financial services not available at product-driven financial institutions. For more information, please visit, <http://www.tng-advisors.com>.

The partnership with The Nations Group will not result in any changes to Mariner Holdings' business strategy. Terms of the closing were not disclosed.

About Mariner Holdings, LLC

Founded in 2006 by former A. G. Edwards investment professionals and management staff, Mariner is an independent investment company focused on wealth and asset management. The asset management platform provides institutional investors, foundations and third party managers with high quality core and alternative investment strategies. The wealth management platform offers business owners, executives, and high net worth individuals extensive portfolio management, tax and estate planning, risk management and other services. For more information, visit <http://www.mariner-holdings.com>.

About The Nations Group, LLC

The Nations Group was founded to promote a greater understanding of the critical investment challenges facing Indian Country and to help each Nation design effective strategies for reaching both immediate and long term financial objectives. Central to that mission is the concept of 'Community Security,' which recognizes the importance of aligning each Nation's social and cultural needs with its economic goals. With Community Security in mind, we deliver innovative solutions that establish best practices for addressing each Nation's specific concerns. For more information, visit <http://www.thenationsgroup.com>