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## **ASI MAINTAINS UNINTERRUPTED OPERATIONS DURING HURRICANE IKE**

HOUSTON, TEXAS – September 22, 2008 – ASI Group, a MEDEX Global Group company and leading provider of global risk-management services, maintained uninterrupted operations for clients in its Houston headquarters during -- and in the aftermath of -- Hurricane Ike. The storm made landfall on the Texas Gulf Coast on September 13 as a Category 2 hurricane, paralyzing the city. Winds damaged the roof on ASI's office building, caused major flooding and cut power for several days.

"Our ability to operate during Hurricane Ike is a testament to the strength of our business continuity plan and our dedicated staff in Houston," said Charlie LeBlanc, president of ASI. "I am extremely proud of the ASI team who continually served clients, even during the height of the storm. They truly demonstrated our uncompromising commitment to customers across the globe."

For years, ASI has maintained a stringent business continuity plan that includes three redundant backup power sources, designed to stay operational for multiple days and to handle all forms of electronic communications. A secondary office location is also fully operational should an event compromise ASI's main operations center. This coordinated strategy further ensures that adequate staffing is available 24/7 during a crisis.

In the case of Hurricane Ike, the backup power system and the dedicated staff carried out the contingency plan perfectly. As a result, the ASI team managed security operations for more than 120 trips worldwide, monitored and reported on more than 20 political developments, distributed World Watch® on time to all subscribers, serviced Travel Security Manager requests for all clients and supported the Kidnap & Ransom phone lines.

ASI generates disaster and recovery plans for companies worldwide. Personnel at ASI put their own plan into action in response to Hurricane Ike. Companies seeking to protect valuable assets and maintain operations should be prepared by:

- Training a dedicated team of employees to respond immediately,
- Ensuring a backup power supply for mission-critical functions,
- Preparing an alternate offsite location for continued operations,
- Producing an internal communications plan for alerting staff as to next steps and how to get help and support.



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You can visit ASI at booth #4529 during NBAA's Annual Meeting and Convention, October 6-8, 2008 in Orlando, FL. Employees will give away the company's popular Threat Map, a color-coded world map that showcases five potential threat levels, and a mouse pad, which highlights ASI's security ratings on one side and MEDEX's medical ratings on the other.

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### **About ASI Group**

ASI Group is a trusted name in global risk management services for corporations (including eight of the top 10 Fortune 500 companies), major international organizations and government agencies at home and abroad. Founded in 1989 in Houston, Texas, ASI Group employs intelligence analysts, security consultants, investigators, training specialists and a global agent network that helps clients mitigate and respond to the complex challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

In May 2008, MEDEX Global Group, the oldest and largest independently owned provider of global travel security and medical assistance in North America, acquired ASI Group. ASI retains its name and location.

ASI Group has received numerous accolades for performance excellence in global intelligence. Highly qualified intelligence analysts and operations specialists staff a state-of-the art, 24/7 Intelligence and Operations Center. The Center also supports all operational divisions of ASI Group to ensure the safety and security of a company's interests, personnel and assets.

Products and services include: business intelligence and investigations; personal and asset protection; global ground transportation, emergency evacuations; aviation security management; travel security management; crisis management and response; training and education; and assessment services. To sign up for HOT SPOTS, free, daily intelligence updates on world events, or to obtain more information about ASI Group, please visit [www.asigroup.com](http://www.asigroup.com).

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