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**Heartland Payment Systems Shareholder Class Action Lawsuit Dismissed in US District Court**  
***Judge Granted Heartland's Motion to Dismiss with Prejudice***

**Princeton, NJ — December 9, 2009** — Heartland Payment Systems® (NYSE: HPY), a leading provider of credit/debit/prepaid card processing, payroll, check management and payment services, today announced that on December 7, 2009, the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, granted Heartland's motion to dismiss the consolidated shareholder class action, titled *In Re Heartland Payment Systems, Inc. Securities Litigation*, which had been filed against Heartland, Robert O. Carr, Heartland's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and Robert H.B. Baldwin, Jr., Heartland's President and Chief Financial Officer. The case, which arose out of the breach to the company's processing system previously disclosed by the Company on January 20, 2009, was dismissed in its entirety with prejudice.

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**About Heartland Payment Systems®**

Heartland Payment Systems, Inc., a NYSE company trading under the symbol HPY, delivers credit/debit/prepaid card processing, payroll, check management and payment solutions to more than 250,000 businesses nationwide.

Heartland is the founding supporter of The Merchant Bill of Rights, a public advocacy initiative that educates merchants about fair credit and debit card processing practices. For more information, visit [www.heartlandpaymentsystems.com](http://www.heartlandpaymentsystems.com) and [www.MerchantBillOfRights.com](http://www.MerchantBillOfRights.com).

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