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## **NO REST FOR THE WEARY ON THIS HOLIDAY: 82% DO WORK WHILE ON VACATION, MRI SURVEY SHOWS**

(Cleveland, OH) -- With summer holiday season rapidly approaching for millions of American workers, a new survey by the world's leading recruiter shows that we won't be getting as much rest and relaxation as we're hoping for on that much-anticipated vacation.

Of the more than 5,000 executives surveyed, a whopping 82% said that they do work while on vacation, according to the survey conducted by Management Recruiters International, Inc. (MRI), the world's largest search and recruitment organization and a subsidiary of staffing and outsourcing leader CDI Corp. (NYSE:CDI).

Of the 82% who responded that they work on vacation, 28% said they also kept in touch with the office by telephone, 13% said they kept in touch by e-mail and 13% actually have shortened vacations because of work.

"These figures are astounding but should really come as no surprise," said Allen Salikof, president and CEO at MRI. "They're a consequence of the way we work today-- the lines between work and family life are increasingly blurring. This extends to our vacation and leisure time as well. It's not only employers that are placing more demands and pressures on workers, but also a function of employees wanting a more flexible work schedule to accommodate their lifestyles. But this can often require the intrusion of work into home and family life. Doing some work while on vacation is becoming easier with technological advancements such as laptops, cell phones and e-mail.

"Today's tight job market is also playing a role," continued Salikof. "With so many companies finding it increasingly difficult to find qualified candidates to fill positions, many workers are just spread too thin. Not only does the work pile-up, but there's simply no back-up or suitable coverage for many workers while they're on vacation."

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