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Thelma-US partners with The SSI Group

ICSGlobal Limited, an eHealth company listed on the Australian Stock Exchange, today announced that its Thelma-US Inc. subsidiary has signed a Bilateral Gateway Agreement with The SSI Group Inc. ('SSI') for the interchange of electronic claiming transactions.

SSI is one of the largest gateways for electronic claims in the US, processing more than 200 million transactions annually, totalling in excess of \$458 billion.

The President and CEO of Thelma-US, Mr. B.P. Fulmer, said the SSI relationship is the third key U.S. connectivity partnership for the Thelma medical banking clearinghouse services platform.

"This strategic partnership with SSI, together with the transactions from our two other partners, MedData and RMS, complete the full suite of electronic transactions that are required for medical banking in the US," said Mr. Fulmer.

"These three strategic connectivity relationships will quickly establish Thelma-US as one of the most comprehensive medical banking offerings in the US market. They give us a powerful offering to re-sell to medical billing companies and regional Health Information Exchange (HIE) networks that make up the 30% - 40% of the US market that is underserved or overpriced," he said.

ICSGlobal operates the health industry clearing house technology known as **THELMA (Transactional Health Exchange Linking Multiple Applications)**, which has already won wide acceptance among hospitals, health funds, and large medical practices and diagnostic companies in Australia. With its focus on Internet-based transactions, THELMA was designed to provide paperless, "one-stop" medical banking solutions for health systems around the world.

Headquartered in Alabama, SSI provides an extensive array of provider/ payer/ physician services and technologies for managing cash flow, claims processing, real-time eligibility, claims status and document management. The strategic partnership will see SSI and Thelma-US interchange electronic claims, remittance advice and claims status transactions for about 800 of the largest commercial and government (Medicare and Medicaid) payers in the US market. This provides Thelma-US with access into one of the largest "all payer" electronic claim platforms in the US. Thelma-US will become a reseller of SSI transactions and services.

The Chief Executive Office of SSI, Bobby Smith, said; "This alliance with Thelma-US is a true win-win scenario. It complements our existing business. The Thelma partnership will enable both of us to penetrate a segment of the market, with Revenue Cycle Management transaction services, which we feel have great potential. We are very much looking forward to putting this exciting new relationship into play."

Tim Murray, the CEO of ICSGlobal, said the three connectivity alliances mean Thelma now has a strategic launch pad in the world's largest health system.

"We decided that the easiest and quickest way to generate revenue out of the US market with Thelma is to initially become a re-seller of transactions from the "best in class" established payer-side clearinghouses, to parts of the provider-side market that are either not being serviced or are being charged too much. This target market represents around a third of the industry. Once we get Thelma operational in the US as a transaction router and re-seller, the plan is to develop the business through acquisitions and organic growth. This will deepen Thelma's reach through our own direct connections, and improve our margins by eliminating the wholesale fees," Mr. Murray said.

"Without doubt, this is a very exciting time for ICSGlobal. We're cashed up; we've got fantastic management in place; and our three key markets – Australia, UK and US – are each coming together and growing extremely well. Market conditions and a strong Australian dollar are perfect for acquiring profitable companies on favourable terms," he added.

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About The SSI Group, Inc.

The SSI Group, Inc. is a national, diversified information technology company established in 1988. The company operates the nation's second largest institutional healthcare claims clearinghouse. It maintains corporate headquarters in Mobile, Alabama, and branch facilities in Clearwater, Florida; Dallas, Texas; Denver, Colorado; Nashville, Tennessee and Chesapeake, Virginia. With approximately 385 employees and +2,200 clients nationwide, SSI leads the healthcare field in healthcare claims management technology, EDI platforms and networking. ClickON® technology has more than 200,000 built-in edits, delivers HIPAA-certified transactions from Claredi, MHCC, and EHNAC and has over 800 direct payer connections for both hospital and physicians and over 1,200 gateway payer connections for both hospital and physicians. As a testament to the company's leadership, the company's technology processes in excess of 200 million transactions annually (including claims, eligibility, remittances and claim statuses) totaling approximately \$458 billion dollars in billed claims revenue for its providers. The company offers a wide range of provider/payer/physician services and technologies for managing the revenue cycle: claims processing (ASP/Direct/Clearinghouse), document management and business office outsourcing for paper claims. For more information, visit www.thessigroup.com

About Thelma-US, Inc

Thelma-US, Inc is the Georgia-registered wholly owned US subsidiary of ICSGlobal Limited.

About ICSGlobal and Thelma

Founded in 1990, ICSGlobal listed on the Australian Stock Exchange in 1999 [ASX:ICS]. ICSGlobal's core business is medical banking: simplifying healthcare payments, helping patients, doctors, hospitals, health insurers and government to get paid or make payments. We do this using our medical banking clearinghouse technology, **Thelma** (Transaction Health Exchange Linking Multiple Applications), which facilitates clearing and settling medical bills electronically over the Internet, rather than the stress, time and cost of filling in forms and trying to work out who owes what to whom. ICSGlobal's global medical banking growth strategy involves the expanded deployment of Thelma in the Australian, UK and US markets, as well as the acquisition of established, profitable medical billing companies, the first acquisition being The London Patient Billing Service in 2007. For more information visit www.icsglobal.net, www.thelma.com.au and www.londonbilling.com.