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THELMA goes live in UK

ICSGlobal's unique "any-to-any" health industry clearing house technology, THELMA, has gone live in the lucrative British healthcare sector, providing the central B2B infrastructure for the electronic Claims and Billing System (eCABS™), a new bureau service in the UK that will electronically process the claims from consultants (ie medical specialists) in private practice, and collect payment on their behalf.

eCABS™ is owned and operated by ICSGlobal's UK licensee, MackenzieHealth Limited (MHL).

The rollout of eCABS™ will commence with the processing of claims from six consultants representing a cross section of the 1,200 consultant clients of a leading UK accountancy practice. eCABS™ will then be rolled out to the accountant's remaining 1,200 consultant clients, which by itself represents 50% of the target eCABS™ market.

The rollout of eCABS™ will be logistically simple as consultants are not required to buy any hardware or software; they only need a computer with a basic Internet connection. Consultants enrol to use eCABS™ on-line and the system is user-friendly enough that if consultants or their practice managers require training, this can be handled by telephone.

MHL have received a positive response from health insurers and doctor's desktop software vendors who are interested in connecting to eCABS™, which represents the UK's first "any-to-any" Internet-based electronic healthcare claims platform.

Additional electronic claiming opportunities for eCABS™ are continually appearing, for example the UK Government's current policy to outsource up to 15% of non-elective surgery to the private sector by 2008, and the increasing trend of consultants leaving the National Health Service (NHS) to form private 'chambers' and sell services back into NHS.

ICSGlobal Managing Director Tim Murray said the first international deployment of THELMA is a key milestone for the company.

"It's important for other countries interested in licensing THELMA that there is a working site outside Australia that they can talk to and look at as part of their due diligence, to prove that the THELMA technology can indeed be customised to the health systems of other countries. A large complex health sector such as the UK's is an extremely good case study that we can point them to," said Mr Murray.

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About ICSGlobal and THELMA

ICSGlobal's core business is the ownership and operation of the unique "any-to-any" health industry clearing house technology THELMA (Transactional Health Exchange Linking Multiple Applications). THELMA creates interoperability between the broad range of new and legacy software systems that typically exist in health systems. This enables health industry business partners in any country to conduct financial, clinical and administrative transactions electronically over the Internet. For more information visit www.icsglobal.net and www.thelma.com.au.

About MackenzieHealth Limited

MackenzieHealth Limited (MHL) developed the electronic Claims and Billing System (eCABS™) to make the timely collection of fees for private medical consultants simple and easy. eCABS™ has been specially designed to automate the invoicing and receipt of fees without jeopardising the role of either the medical secretary or the medical consultant's accountant. MHL is committed to providing medical consultants with a simple to use 'fire & forget' system for the automated collection of fees that is both highly professional and tax efficient. For more information visit www.mackenziehealth.com.