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COMPUTERSHARE MARKETS TECHNOLOGY AND CICADA ANNOUNCE MARKETING ALLIANCE

Computershare Markets Technology and Cicada today announced the signing of an agreement to jointly market each others' products to the world's leading stock and derivatives exchanges and OTC market providers.

Under the agreement, Cicada and Computershare will jointly market to their existing and future clients Computershare's X-stream, the world's most advanced and highest performance exchange matching system, and the real-time configuration of Cicada's Composer® plus+, the world's leading market data management platform.

This alliance demonstrates the companies' strategies to work with other advanced software houses that share the same commitment to innovation and to helping exchanges increase revenue and reduce their total cost of technology ownership. Through this joint marketing agreement for Computershare's X-stream and Cicada's Composer® plus+, together with Computershare's SMARTS market supervision and surveillance software, exchanges will now have access to a full suite of leading products, conveniently delivered through one channel.

At the signing, Peter Jessup, MD of Computershare Markets technology said, "In an environment of increasing competition, exchanges are looking to manage their data more effectively as a means of increasing revenue. We believe that our current clients can benefit enormously from this agreement by bringing in Cicada's advanced real-time data management technology, already in use by major global exchanges."

Echoing the comments, Hubert Holmes, Managing Director of Cicada said "This co-operation just makes sense. We have complementary product sets that meet the needs of exchanges around the globe for more effective, efficient trading and market data management. This alliance illustrates the fact that both parties's technologies work well together and can be marketed as a single solution".

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About Computershare Markets Technology

Computershare Markets Technology is a leading provider of integrated software products that automate and integrate the functions of exchanges and OTC market organisers, central securities depositories and regulators. Its products power more than 50 of the world's national financial markets and central market surveillance and regulation organisations in more than 35 countries.

Major exchanges operating the systems include the SWX Swiss Exchange, Istanbul Stock Exchange, Moscow Interbank Currency Exchange, New Zealand Exchange, and the world's largest inter-dealer broker, ICAP plc. Established in 1992 and headquartered in Sydney, Australia, Computershare Markets Technology has offices in Sydney, London, New York, Chicago, Calgary and Dubai. For more information, visit <http://marketstechnology.computershare.com>.

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Computershare (ASX: CPU) is the world's leading financial services and technology provider to the global securities industry in its provision of services and solutions to listed companies, investors, employees, exchanges and other financial institutions.

With a unique range of integrated services, Computershare provides specialised records management for company share registers and employee share and stock option plans, document design and communication, strategic investor relations and market intelligence, and a variety of sophisticated trading technologies for financial markets.

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About Cicada – www.cicadacorp.com

Cicada is a leading global provider of technology and services for real-time market data and reference data management. For real-time data, the company's Cicada Composer® plus+ provides end-to-end data acquisition, enhancement, packaging and distribution functions for market data operations and target market data product management. For reference data management applications, Cicada technology conducts instrument, counterparty and pricing reference data validation, management and integration. In addition to licensing its data management platform, Cicada offers a range of services through its experienced Data Quality Management group, which provides data cleansing and manual intervention for clients that wish to outsource all or part of the data quality management task. Cicada provides clients an unsurpassed range of implementation options and services, including outsourcing, managed services and software licensing for in-house data management operations.