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## **MARKET ANNOUNCEMENT**

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### **COMPUTERSHARE ENTERS EXCLUSIVE GLOBAL STRATEGIC ALLIANCE WITH THOMSON FINANCIAL**

Computershare Limited (ASX: CPU) announced today that it has entered into a global strategic alliance with Thomson Financial, an operating unit of the Thomson Corporation (NYSE: TOC, TSX: TOC) and leading provider of information and technology solutions to the global financial community. Under this agreement, the organizations will jointly execute a strategic marketing and co-operation agreement designed to align and leverage each organization's complementary product offerings in their respective core markets. To facilitate the alliance, Computershare has, subject to conditions, agreed to sell to Thomson Financial certain assets of its Analytics business. Thomson will provide Computershare and its clients with Analytics products and services from the start date of the alliance, which is expected to be July 1, 2006.

Computershare believes significant partnership opportunities exist for the two companies in local and international corporate markets, specifically in the areas of investor relations, capital market intelligence and shareholder identification. Globally, each company has a significant and diverse corporate client base. Under the global alliance, Thomson Financial will market Georgeson's proxy solicitation services to its clients and Computershare will market Thomson Financial's broad suite of strategic investor relations services to its clients around the world.

As part of the strategic alliance, the companies will investigate the co-development of products and services to leverage their newly-aligned and complementary capabilities in relevant markets.

"Computershare continues to evolve as a global leader in specialized financial services. This alliance with Thomson Financial will give us an opportunity to leverage the strengths of two pre-eminent organizations," said Chris Morris, President and Chief Executive Officer of Computershare. "By aligning our capabilities we will each have the ability to provide a broader suite of products to our clients while increasing our overall business effectiveness."

"Thomson Financial's alliance with Computershare demonstrates our commitment to providing the market with leading-edge, innovative solutions coupled with superior service," said Sharon Rowlands, President and Chief Executive Officer of Thomson Financial. "By leveraging Computershare's complimentary offerings we enhance our ability to deliver unparalleled services to our clients around the world."

**About Computershare Limited (CPU)**

Computershare (ASX:CPU) is a global leader in share registration, employee equity plans, proxy solicitation and other specialized financial and communication services. Many of the world's largest companies employ our innovative solutions to maximize the value of their relationships with investors, employees, customers and members.

Computershare has approximately 10,000 employees across the world and serves 14,000 corporations and 90 million shareholders and employee accounts in 21 countries across five continents.

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