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Attached is a media release relating to the above.

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Tuesday 29 June 2004: Health Communication Network Limited (HCN), Australia's largest supplier of clinical and practice management software to medical practitioners, today announced that it has commenced action in the Federal Court of Australia against Pro Medicus Limited (PME).

HCN is claiming that PME has infringed HCN's copyright in its clinical management software program known as Medical Director by reproducing and authorising the reproduction of a substantial part of Medical Director through Promed Clinical without HCN's permission.

Over 16,000 Australian medical practitioners use Medical Director. PME has recently introduced Promed Clinical to the medical marketplace.

HCN's Managing Director, Mike Gregg, said: "HCN has spent millions of dollars in acquiring Medical Director and its associated intellectual property and spent millions more in further developing the software. Of course we have no objection to fair competition and it is regrettable that it has become necessary for HCN to take such action against PME but HCN is prepared to do whatever is necessary to protect the investment of its shareholders.

Since its inception HCN has sought to cooperate with medical industry participants and where possible provide access to its software subject to privacy, security and related considerations. Currently, users of Medical Director have easy and efficient access to pathology laboratories, specialists, health funds, knowledge providers and other health participants."

About Health Communication Network

HCN is an Australian company that develops applications to support health decisions.

Over 16,000 doctors, representing 85 per cent of computerised GPs and many specialists, use HCN's Medical Director software to care for their patients during the consultation. These customers use Medical Director to write 90 million prescriptions each year and refer patients to other health services such as medical specialists, radiology, pathology and hospitals. Medical Director provides a complete electronic patient record (EPR).

HCN is also the market leader in practice management software with close to 3,500 general practice and specialist sites. The Company's iRIS radiology information system offers an advanced solution to the larger radiology practices.

HCN pioneered the delivery of internet-based health information resources and now provides over 80 per cent of Australia's medium to large hospitals with one of the world's most comprehensive collections of online knowledge resources.

HCN's research division is a national leader for the provision of quality information on the use of medicines in general practice and research services through the electronic medium.

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