

EGM of ICON plc Approves Stock Split

Dublin, Ireland, September 29, 2006 – ICON (NASDAQ: ICLR), a global provider of outsourced development services to the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical device industries, announced that at its Extraordinary General Meeting held in Dublin today, all resolutions put to the meeting were passed. These included a proposal to issue one new ordinary share to the holder of each existing ordinary share, the effect of which will be the equivalent of a two-for-one stock split.

Following the passing of this resolution, the issue of the new shares will be made to the holders of record on October 13, 2006.

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ICON is a global provider of outsourced development services to the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical device industries. We specialize in the strategic development, management and analysis of programs that support clinical development - from compound selection to Phase I-IV clinical studies. ICON teams have successfully conducted over 1,900 development projects and over 2,300 consultancy engagements across all major therapeutic areas. ICON currently has over 3,700 employees, operating from 45 locations in 30 countries. Further information is available at www.iconclinical.com

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