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Providing greater control to Boots' Pharmacy Business

Dublin, Ireland, 1st June 2005 – Systems Solutions, the UK's leading IT solutions provider for the pharmacy sector, has announced that Boots The Chemists has purchased QicSCRIPT Enterprise Plus. QicSCRIPT, branded SmartScript within Boots, is a best of breed PMR (Patient Medication Record) System, which manages the entire Boots dispensing operation.

QicSCRIPT Enterprise Plus is an enhanced licensing model, introduced by Systems Solutions to enable large-scale pharmacy chains to acquire access to the source code of QicSCRIPT Enterprise. Access to source code enables a customer, such as Boots, to retain the benefits of using a proven product, while, at the same time, allowing bespoke modifications to be made. It's the first model of its type to be introduced in the UK, and reflects Systems Solutions response to the requirements of large organisations to develop their systems flexibly in a dynamic healthcare arena.

Chris Cooper, programme manager for Boots The Chemists says, "Systems Solutions has built a solid reputation for being a driving force in IT developments within the Pharmacy sector, and we are delighted to acquire a licence for complete access to QicSCRIPT".

Chris continues, "We believe that QicSCRIPT is the best pharmacy PMR system available in the UK, and it helps ensure that we deliver consistent, comprehensive services to all our patients, irrespective of the store they visit. QicSCRIPT Enterprise Plus will allow us to extend its capabilities, giving even more control over the system as we evolve and our needs change".

Nick Strong, managing director for Systems Solutions says, "Boots The Chemists is the UK's most respected pharmacy chain. The company is at the forefront of retail pharmacy and understands the importance of IT". Nick continues, "We are thrilled that Boots has invested in QicSCRIPT Enterprise Plus to help it achieve competitive advantage through our technology".

Nick adds, "We worked closely with Boots to understand its needs and the trends that affect the organisation's business now and in the future. Our skills lie in translating these trends into effective solutions, which add value to customers such as Boots. This new licensing model will allow

Boots to benefit from our skills, while, at the same time, undertaking specific development projects as needs dictate. This in turn provides a greater return on investment from IT”.

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#### About Systems Solutions Ltd

Systems Solutions Ltd has been developing and marketing software products and services for Pharmacy since 1987. Independently owned, the organisation has built a solid reputation for its thought leadership and ability to deliver cutting-edge solutions for pharmacy which solve complex business issues. The organisation pioneered Electronic Claims Transmission software (ECT/ETP), medicines management support and real-time centralised control through head office management to the pharmacy sector. The company is renowned for its software development expertise, matched with its constant focus on quality and innovation.

#### About Boots The Chemists

Boots The Chemists is a leading UK retailer, providing health & beauty products and advice that enhance personal wellbeing. It employs around 75,000 people and operates in some 130 countries worldwide. As well as retailing, it has international sales and marketing operations and also develops and manufactures its own products.