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### **Global Health Establishes Connectivity Business Unit**

Global Health is pleased to announce the establishment of its connectivity business unit and the addition of Nikki Thrift to the team. Nikki has joined the senior management team as General Manager for the Connectivity Business and brings more than 25 years of industry knowledge with a combination of clinical and software management experience.

Nikki has over 4 years' experience as the Australian eHealth Manager for the largest messaging vendor across Australia and New Zealand. She will spearhead the connectivity business and product development for Global Health in Australia, initially focusing on implementing Secure Message Delivery (SMD) interoperability with other messaging platforms.

Interoperability is a key priority for the healthcare sector and Global Health is committed to collaborating with the Government and our Secure Messaging partners on a variety of connectivity opportunities that are emerging.

"Interoperability is a game changer for healthcare and will open up the flood gates for digital data flow and increased communication," Nikki stated.

"With renewed interest and support from the government and industry peak bodies, vendors can now finish what they started in 2012."

Nikki is driven to achieve positive outcomes for all stakeholders within the health sector, from service providers to patients.

"I am passionate about e-health and integrated software that eliminates costly workflow constraints. I look forward to achieving higher levels of connectivity for stakeholders and driving the change that is needed to achieve greater improvements in healthcare," Nikki said.

Global Health's CEO, Mathew Cherian said the establishment of the connectivity business unit is an important step forward to achieving a paperless health system.

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“The Australian Digital Health Authority (ADHA) has a renewed focus on secure messaging as a foundation towards moving to a paperless health world. The Royal Australian College of General Practice says a ‘national priority’ now exists for the healthcare sector to move away from paper-based healthcare communication systems towards electronic systems, calling for the final chapter to be closed on the era of the letter and the fax machine within the next three years,” Mathew said.

“Aside from the obvious productivity gains to practices through reduced paper handling and data re-keying, the need for digital data to seamlessly flow across healthcare is recognised as essential for improving patient safety and patient outcomes.”

Global Health is excited to have Nikki on the team and to continue working with the wider healthcare community on connectivity and interoperability.

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**About Global Health Limited**

Global Health is a leading provider of e-health solutions to the Australian healthcare industry supporting healthcare delivery in hospitals and community settings.

Global Health supports the business, clinical and operational needs of healthcare providers committed to the effective management of chronic diseases and health promotion programs.

Internet connectivity is embedded in Global Health applications to promote secure information sharing, financial transactions and the use of technology in ways that transform healthcare delivery.

Global Health is listed on the Australian Stock Exchange with its head office in Melbourne.

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