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### **Uscom Receives \$0.5M R&D Cash Refund**

**SYDNEY, Australia, Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017:** Uscom Limited (ASX code: UCM) (the **Company** or **Uscom**) has received \$0.496M from the Australian Tax Office under the Federal Government Research and Development (R&D) Tax Incentive Program related to R&D expenditure in the 2016 tax year. The Federal Government R&D program provides for the refund of 45% of eligible research and development expenditure during the previous financial year.

Uscom has an on-going program of R&D planned to ensure that its current products are continually improved with new and innovative features, and new products conceived and developed for national and international markets. Uscom invests shareholder's funds carefully, particularly in R&D, and recognises that while outcomes are uncertain, R&D is vital for the future of the Uscom business. The financial incentive offered by this Federal Government rebate is significant when Uscom plans the scale and objectives of its internal spending programs.

Executive Chairman of Uscom, Associate Professor Rob Phillips said, *"Innovation is our business, and it's both an Uscom corporate culture and a valuable investment for shareholders. The financial support offered by this Federal Government R&D program is vital for many Australian bioscience companies seeking advances in medical science where lead times can be significant. Research and development has many uncertainties, and this cash refund underwrites some of the risks for Australian companies and investors. The R&D tax incentive is a well-designed, targeted and administered program, creating a genuine encouragement for science companies to innovate and develop Australian employment, IP and export revenue, and Uscom is grateful for this support."*

Uscom manufactures and markets the USCOM 1A, the Uscom BP+, and the Uscom SpiroSonic digital ultrasonic spirometry technologies. These premium digital devices are changing the way we diagnose and treat cardiovascular and pulmonary diseases, including hypertension, heart failure, asthma, COPD and sleep disorders. The products are integral for optimising management of sepsis and guidance of fluid, inotropes and vasoactive therapies in critical care monitoring, and in clinical and home care delivered asthma and COPD medications.



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### About Uscom

**Uscom Limited (UCM):** An ASX listed innovative medical technology company specialising in development and marketing of premium non-invasive cardiovascular and pulmonary medical devices. Uscom has a mission to demonstrate leadership in science and create noninvasive devices that assist clinicians improve clinical outcomes. Uscom has three practice leading suites of devices in the field of cardiac, vascular and pulmonary monitoring; the USCOM 1A advanced hemodynamic monitor, Uscom BP+ central blood pressure monitor, and the Uscom SpiroSonic digital ultrasonic spirometers. Uscom devices are premium resolution, noninvasive devices which deploy innovative and practice leading technologies approved or submitted for FDA, CE, CFDA and TGA regulatory approval and marketing into global distribution networks.

**The USCOM 1A:** A simple to use, cost-effective and non-invasive advanced hemodynamic monitor that measures cardiovascular function, detects irregularities and is used to guide treatment. The USCOM 1A device has major applications in Pediatrics, Emergency, Intensive Care Medicine and Anesthesia, and is the device of choice for management of adult and pediatric sepsis, hypertension, heart failure and for the guidance of fluid, inotropes and vasoactive cardiovascular therapy.

**The Uscom BP+:** A supra-systolic oscillometric central blood pressure monitor which measures blood pressure and blood pressure waveforms at the heart, as well as in the arm, information only previously available using invasive cardiac catheterisation. The Uscom BP+ replaces conventional and more widespread sub-systolic blood pressure monitors, and is the emerging standard of care measurement in hypertension, heart failure and vascular health. The Uscom BP+ provides a highly accurate and repeatable measurement of central and brachial blood pressure and pulse pressure waveforms using a familiar upper arm cuff. The BP+ is simple to use and requires no complex training with applications in hypertension and pre-eclampsia, heart failure, intensive care, general practice and home care. The Uscom BP+ is supported by the proprietary BP+ Reporter, an innovative stand-alone software solution that provides a digital platform to archive patient examinations, trend measure progress over time, analyse pulse pressure waves and generate a summary report.

**Uscom SpiroSonic digital multi-path ultrasonic spirometers:** High fidelity, digital, pulmonary function testing devices based on multi path ultrasound technology. They are simple and accurate to use and provide research quality pulmonary function testing in small hand held devices that can be used in research, clinical and home care environments. The devices can be coupled with mobile phone applications and proprietary SpiroSonic software platforms with wireless interfacing to provide remote tele-monitoring of pulmonary disease. The devices are specialised for assessment of COPD, sleep disordered breathing, asthma, industrial lung disease and monitoring of pulmonary therapeutic compliance. The SpiroSonic devices are supported by the proprietary SpiroReporter, an innovative stand-alone software solution that provides a digital platform to archive patient examinations, trend measure progress over time, analyse spirometry outputs and generate a summary report.

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