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## **THOMSON MEDSTAT SOLUTION HELPS EMPLOYERS IMPROVE BENEFIT PROGRAM MANAGEMENT IE-Engine Technology Underpins Vendor and Information Management Application**

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**Ann Arbor, Mich.** — Employers can manage their health benefit programs more effectively with a new information solution forged by Medstat, part of The Thomson Corporation (NYSE: TOC; TSX: TOC), and IE-Engine Inc., the leading provider of Human Resource Cost Management services and technology.

Built upon IE-Engine technology, Medstat Vendor Relationship Manager allows companies to centralize their healthcare data and documentation in a web-based repository. The application automates collection of vendor information, compares vendor performance data with contractual performance guarantees, and manages the creation, maintenance, and storage of summary plan description documents.

“Owens Corning uses Medstat healthcare information tools and back-office technology from IE- Engine,” said Mark Snyder, director of benefits at Owens Corning. “Integrated information solutions empower the benefit management process — saving money and freeing staff for more strategic activities.”

For years, Medstat has provided health claims databases and analytical tools that enable companies to manage the cost of healthcare and make decisions about their benefit programs. “With Medstat Vendor Relationship Manager,” said Medstat Vice President Jon Newpol, “we now provide this same level of high-quality, actionable information to support the entire healthcare procurement process.”

“Rising healthcare costs are one of the most critical issues facing companies,” said Brent Bannerman, founder and vice president of business development and marketing at IE-Engine. “Our partnership with Medstat will help executives react quickly to market changes, improve vendor performance and facilitate effective purchasing and renewal decisions.”

### **About IE-Engine**

For HR Executives and employee benefits consultants and brokers, IE-Engine (<http://www.ie-engine.com>) is the leading provider of human resource cost management services and technology. Through its technology-enabled solutions and expertise, IE-Engine drastically improves the process, management and costs associated with purchasing and managing HR services, such as employee health and welfare benefits, for companies such as Ford, Staples, Lucent, Watson Wyatt, and Hilb, Rogal & Hobbs. Founded in 1999, IE-Engine is a privately-held company that is headquartered in Waltham, Mass.

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