

Tuesday, 21 February 2017

Company Announcements Australian Stock Exchange 20 Bridge Street SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Sir/Madam,

# DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT PLAN

Pursuant to ASX Listing Rule 3.17.1, attached is a copy of a letter that will be sent to shareholders today in relation to Sonic Healthcare's Dividend Reinvestment Plan which (as previously advised) will operate for the 2017 interim dividend.

Yours faithfully

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Paul Alexander Company Secretary



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Dear Shareholder,

#### Sonic Healthcare's Dividend Reinvestment Plan

The Board of Sonic Healthcare ("Sonic") has decided to operate the company's Dividend Reinvestment Plan ("DRP") for the 2017 interim dividend. The details are as follows:

- 2017 interim dividend: 31 cents per share
- Franking: 20% franked, with no foreign conduit income
- Record Date: 8 March 2017
- Payment Date: 11 April 2017
  - DRP discount: 1.5% (to the average VWAP over the pricing period, as determined in accordance with the DRP rules).
- DRP pricing period: 10 trading days (13 March to 24 March 2017)
- DRP applications due: 9 March 2017

To participate in the DRP for this dividend application forms must be received by Sonic's registry, Computershare Investor Services, by 5.00pm (AEST) on 9 March 2017. Application forms received after this time will only be effective for subsequent dividends to which the DRP may apply. Shareholders who wish to change their participation in the DRP or view the full terms and conditions of the DRP Rules are advised to visit Sonic's registry website <u>www.computershare.com.au/easyupdate/shl</u>. Changes to participation must also be received by 5.00pm (AEST) on 9 March 2017.

To access the secure Easy Update website enter your SRN/HIN located at the top of this letter. For security reasons please keep this information confidential. If you do not have internet access, please call Computershare on 1300 556 161 (within Australia) or +61 3 9415 4000 (outside Australia) and follow the voice instructions to provide your securityholder information over the phone and receive any necessary forms to your registered address.

The DRP is available to all Sonic shareholders with a registered address in Australia, New Zealand, Switzerland and the United Kingdom, but not to shareholders with a registered address in any other country. The DRP application price will be announced to the ASX at the end of the pricing period. Sonic intends to satisfy DRP requirements for this dividend by issuing new ordinary shares<sup>1</sup>.

Sonic recently released its financial results for the half year ended 31 December 2016. To view a full copy of the results please visit: <u>http://www.sonichealthcare.com/investor-information/financial-reports.aspx</u>

Yours sincerely

Paul Alexander Company Secretary 21 February 2017

<sup>1</sup>It is not possible to determine at this time the number of Sonic shares that will be issued as a result of the DRP. Indicatively, assuming an average VWAP over the pricing period of \$21.50 and full participation in the DRP, Sonic may issue up to approximately 6,094,244 shares under the DRP.

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The taxation treatment of Australian financial products is not the same as for New Zealand financial products. The offer of DRP Shares may involve a currency exchange risk as they will be quoted on the ASX in Australian dollars.

If you are uncertain about whether this investment is appropriate for you, you should seek the advice of an appropriately qualified financial adviser.

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