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AUCKLAND PATHOLOGY CONTRACT

Sonic Healthcare Limited (SHL.AX) advises that it has received notice today that its application for leave to appeal to the Supreme Court of New Zealand against the decision of the Appeal Court (see Sonic's announcement dated 25 September 2008) in relation to the contract for the provision of community laboratory services in Auckland has been rejected.

Sonic and its Auckland based subsidiary, Diagnostic Medlab, are considering their next steps and the implications of this decision.

Diagnostic Medlab's current contract has a six month notice period and represents ~2.5% of Sonic's revenue and EBITA.

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