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Sonic Healthcare Limited is pleased to announce that its legal challenge of the decision to award a new community laboratory services contract to Lab Tests Auckland Limited, a company owned 76.67% by Healthscope Limited, has been successful.

Today the High Court of New Zealand issued a judgment ruling that the Lab Tests' contract is "invalid and of no effect".

The current contract of Sonic's subsidiary, Diagnostic Medlab, is due to expire on 30 June 2007. Arrangements will need to be made for the continuity of service of community pathology testing in Auckland. Sonic and Diagnostic Medlab look forward to constructive discussions with the Auckland Region District Health Boards about future laboratory service provision.

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