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## SETTLEMENT OF US TRANSACTION

Sonic Healthcare Limited (**SHL**) is pleased to announce that it has completed the transaction to acquire an interest in Clinical Pathology Laboratories, Inc. ("CPL") referred to in our release to the market dated 23 August 2005.

Sonic's current ownership interest in CPL is 82%. The purchase consideration for this interest is approximately US\$312 million, including an earnout amount of up to US\$20 million to be paid upon achievement of pre-determined earnings targets. As described in the August release, Sonic will progressively acquire the balance of CPL's equity over the years 2009 to 2012.

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