

24 July 2003

The Company Announcements Office Australian Stock Exchange Limited 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, 20 Bridge Street **Sydney NSW 2000** 

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Release of Securities Subject to Voluntary Escrow

I refer to Listing Rule 3.10A in relation to the obligation to advise on the release of securities subject to voluntary escrow. Sonic Healthcare Limited ("SHL") advises that 1,507,409 of its ordinary shares will be released from escrow on 11 August 2003. This release from escrow relates to the Appendix 3B lodged on 12 August 2002 by SHL concerning its merger with the SKG Radiology Group.

SHL notes that there is one further tranche of 1,195,718 SHL shares still subject to voluntary escrow, to be released on 1 November 2003.

Yours sincerely

Paul Alexander Company Secretary