



SONIC  
HEALTHCARE  
LIMITED

30 June, 2005

## **APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR TO THE BOARD OF SONIC HEALTHCARE LIMITED**

The Board of Sonic Healthcare Limited ("SHL") is pleased to announce that Mr Lou Panaccio has joined the Board as an independent, non-executive Director with effect from today.

Mr Panaccio has strong management experience in business and healthcare services. He is a Chartered Accountant and is currently Chairman of CPW Group, a Director of the Inner Eastern Community Health Service in Victoria, Executive Chairman of Health Networks Australia, and a Director of Primelife Corporation Limited. Mr Panaccio was the Chief Executive Officer and an Executive Director of the Melbourne Pathology Group for ten years to 2001.

The Board is also delighted to announce that Mr Panaccio has been appointed as a member of the Audit Committee. Mr Colin Jackson has retired from the Audit Committee with effect from today.

Sonic's Board now comprises three independent directors (including the Chairman) and five executive directors, including one pathologist and two radiologists. The Audit Committee is comprised of three independent directors.

An Appendix 3X Initial Director's Interest Notice for Mr Panaccio is attached.

For further information regarding this announcement please contact:

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# Appendix 3X

## Initial Director's Interest Notice

*Information or documents not available now must be given to ASX as soon as available. Information and documents given to ASX become ASX's property and may be made public.*

Introduced 30/9/2001.

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| <b>Name of entity</b> SONIC HEALTHCARE LIMITED |
| <b>ABN</b> 24 004 196 909                      |

We (the entity) give ASX the following information under listing rule 3.19A.1 and as agent for the director for the purposes of section 205G of the Corporations Act.

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| <b>Name of Director</b>    | LOUIS JAMES PANACCIO |
| <b>Date of appointment</b> | 30 JUNE 2005         |

### Part 1 - Director's relevant interests in securities of which the director is the registered holder

*In the case of a trust, this includes interests in the trust made available by the responsible entity of the trust*

Note: In the case of a company, interests which come within paragraph (i) of the definition of "notifiable interest of a director" should be disclosed in this part.

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| <b>Number &amp; class of securities</b> |
| Nil                                     |

**Appendix 3X**  
**Initial Director's Interest Notice**

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**Part 2 – Director's relevant interests in securities of which the director is not the registered holder**

*In the case of a trust, this includes interests in the trust made available by the responsible entity of the trust*

| <b>Name of holder &amp; nature of interest</b>                                   | <b>Number &amp; class of Securities</b> |
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| Note: Provide details of the circumstances giving rise to the relevant interest. | Nil                                     |

**Part 3 – Director's interests in contracts**

Note: In the case of a company, interests which come within paragraph (ii) of the definition of "notifiable interest of a director" should be disclosed in this part.

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| <b>Detail of contract</b>                                    | Nil |
| <b>Nature of interest</b>                                    |     |
| <b>Name of registered holder (if issued securities)</b>      |     |
| <b>No. and class of securities to which interest relates</b> |     |

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+ See chapter 19 for defined terms.