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SONIC HEALTHCARE COMPLETES A\$225 MILLION EQUITY RAISING

Sonic Healthcare Limited ("Sonic") is pleased to announce that it has successfully completed a placement of ordinary shares to raise A\$225 million.

The raising comprises an issue of 15,474,553 fully paid ordinary shares at A\$14.54 per share, which represents a discount of 3.5% to Sonic's closing price on 17 October 2005. The shares are expected to be allotted and listed on the ASX on Tuesday 25 October 2005.

The raising was heavily oversubscribed, and Sonic is delighted with the strong support from existing and new investors in domestic and international markets. Oversubscriptions of A\$25 million were taken to accommodate the strong demand.

The proceeds of the placement will be used to partly retire debt associated with the acquisition of Clinical Pathology Laboratories, Inc.

Sonic's retail shareholders will also have an opportunity to participate in the equity raising through the Shareholder Purchase Plan (SPP). This will be offered to shareholders registered in Australia and New Zealand in tranches of up to \$5,000 per shareholder at the lower of the A\$14.54 per share placement price or a 3% discount to the 5-day VWAP at pricing. Sonic will be writing to shareholders shortly with further details.

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