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Sonic Healthcare Announces Breakthrough Development in Laboratory Automation Launched in Co-operation with GLP Systems and Sysmex Europe.

SYDNEY, Australia / HAMBURG, Germany – 5 June 2013 – Sonic Healthcare Limited (ASX:SHL), GLP Systems and Sysmex Europe attended the recent Euromedlab/IFCC conference in Milan, Italy, in order to present a cutting-edge laboratory automation system to the market. Under the leadership of Dr. André von Freich and Dr. Robert Hecht, GLP Systems has developed a modular, single-tube transport and storage system which features intelligent cars dynamically transporting individual samples to and from diagnostic instruments and work areas in high-throughput laboratories as well as into fully automated storage modules.

This development removes known limitations of existing laboratory automation systems by offering connectivity to a large range of instruments, modular solutions for large and medium-sized laboratories as well as greatly reduced complexity and cost.

Sonic Healthcare Germany has supported the development of this technology since its 2008 acquisition of the Dr. von Freich laboratory in Hamburg, Germany, and holds a minority stake in GLP Systems. The Sonic laboratory in Hamburg acts as co-development and beta-site for the evaluation of automation modules and their transfer into routine operations. In a second, large installation, Sonic Healthcare has chosen the GLP Systems solution to be implemented at its newly built Labor 28 facility in Berlin, Germany, which is due to be completed in early 2014. The first Asia-Pacific installation of the transport and storage system is scheduled for Sonic's Sydney-based Douglass Hanly Moir Pathology laboratory in the second half of 2014.

GLP Systems and Sonic Healthcare have partnered with Sysmex Europe for the commercialization of this automation system and awarded exclusive distribution rights to Sysmex for the Europe, Middle-East and Africa region.

About GLP Systems

Located in Hamburg, Germany, GLP Systems (www.glp-systems.com) develops cutting-edge automation systems for clinical laboratories, including total-automation and modular solutions. With a focus on "Freedom, Excellence and Simplicity", these solutions deliver superb levels of performance, choice and manageability. The company draws on the experience, know-how and strength of its founders and shareholders, Dr. André von Freich, Dr. Robert Hecht and Sonic Healthcare Germany.

About Sonic Healthcare

Sonic Healthcare (www.sonichealthcare.com) is an international medical diagnostics company, offering extensive laboratory medicine/pathology and radiology services to the medical community. With 26,000 employees around the world, Sonic Healthcare is recognized for quality and service excellence, innovative technology, commitment to staff and continuing financial strength. Sonic Healthcare is represented in Australia, New Zealand, United Kingdom, Germany, Switzerland, Belgium, Ireland and the USA. The global head office of Sonic Healthcare is in Sydney, Australia.

About Sysmex Europe

Sysmex (www.sysmex-europe.com) develops, produces and sells instruments, reagents and software used in in-vitro diagnostics in hospitals and testing centres in more than 170 countries. In the global market, Sysmex ranks in the top 10 in diagnostics and holds the top share of the global haematology market. Principal clinical areas of activity include haematology, haemostasis, immunochemistry, urinalysis, clinical chemistry and life science.

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