

SONIC HEALTHCARE LIMITED
MERGER WITH THE DOCTORS LABORATORY GROUP
AND ISSUE OF SECURITIES

Sonic Healthcare Limited (*SHL*) is pleased to announce that it has completed the merger with The Doctors Laboratory group (*TDL*), the premier private pathology practice in the United Kingdom.

In accordance with ASX Listing Rule 3.10.5, SHL confirms that, as part payment of the purchase price for TDL, SHL has issued today 1,036,674 ordinary shares to the senior management and staff who owned TDL. Shareholder approval of the share issue was not required. The issue price for these shares will be ascertained based on the weighted average market price for SHL for the 30 trading days after 11 March 2002, at which time a further tranche of shares will also be issued at the same price. The total value of these two tranches will be \$7,536,652. A conditional issue of further SHL shares up to a value of \$13.7 Million is expected in 18 months time.

Further details about TDL and the merger with SHL were set out in SHL's announcement on 12 March 2002.

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