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SONIC'S OFFER FOR INDEPENDENT PRACTITIONER NETWORK

We refer to the announcement on 22 June 2004 by Sonic Healthcare Limited ("Sonic") of its intention to offer 8 cents per share for 2 of every 3 shares (i.e. 66.67%) held by each shareholder in Independent Practitioner Network Limited ("IPN") as at 5.00pm Eastern Standard Time on Wednesday, 23 June 2004.

Sonic and IPN continue to work towards despatching Sonic's Bidder's Statement and IPN's Target's Statement at the same time. As disclosed in IPN's letter of Tuesday 29 June 2004 to IPN shareholders, IPN shareholders should expect to receive the Target's Statement within approximately 1½ weeks from today. Sonic expects IPN shareholders to receive Sonic's Bidder's Statement at the same time as IPN's Target's Statement.

Paul Alexander
Company Secretary