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## **MARKET UPDATE**

In response to market queries following second quarter results' announcements by Sonic's largest US laboratory competitors, Sonic Healthcare advises that its US operations achieved organic (excluding acquisitions) revenue growth of 3.6% for H2 2010 (1 January through 30 June 2010). Organic volume growth (as measured by requisitions) for this period was 1.4%. Although growth rates for the half were impacted by adverse winter weather conditions in the US, Sonic's growth rates compare favourably with those of its largest US competitors and reflect ongoing strong growth in the US.

Based on unaudited management accounts to 30 June 2010, Sonic confirms its latest full-year earnings guidance.

Full details of Sonic's results will be released to the market on 24 August 2010.

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