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**SONIC HEALTHCARE / THE DOCTORS LABORATORY
UK TENDER FOR PATHOLOGY SERVICES**

As flagged in Sonic's announcement dated 10 April 2008, the Bedford Hospital NHS Trust, East & North Hertfordshire NHS Trust and West Hertfordshire Hospitals NHS Trusts tender required further discussions with a number of parties. Those discussions have revealed a technical issue associated with the particular framework for NHS staff employment, as proposed by the tender. As a result, the Tender Project Board has been forced to conclude the current tender process. Alternative employment models, as used in other completed NHS tenders, would require the re-tendering of this contract.

The Doctors Laboratory and Sonic Healthcare will continue to work closely with NHS entities, in the best interests of all stakeholders.

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