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SETTLEMENT OF GERMAN ACQUISITION

Sonic Healthcare Limited (**SHL**) is pleased to announce that it has completed the majority acquisition of the Schottdorf Group referred to in our release to the market dated 6 April, 2004.

The transaction was initially expected to settle around the end of April 2004, and as a result of the delayed settlement, only two day's trading of the Schottdorf Group will be included in Sonic's results for the year ending 30 June 2004, as opposed to two months, as previously expected. Whilst Sonic is unable to report the Schottdorf profits for the period of the delay, Sonic has in fact received the economic benefit of the profits, reflected in a lower than expected net debt position at acquisition, as the purchase price remained unchanged and the vendors were prevented from paying dividends.

For the five month period ended May 2004 the Schottdorf Group was trading ahead of its budget expectation.

The refinancing of the Schottdorf Group described in Sonic's announcement dated 6 April 2004 will be finalised tonight, and Sonic is in the process of issuing the 3 million options to Dr and Mrs Schottdorf as detailed in Sonic's announcement dated 8 April 2004.

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