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SONIC HEALTHCARE ACQUIRES EAST SIDE CLINICAL LABORATORY

Sonic Healthcare Limited ("Sonic") (SHL.AX) is pleased to announce that it has acquired **East Side Clinical Laboratory** ("East Side"), based in Providence, Rhode Island, USA.

East Side was established in 1949 as a physician-owned laboratory and has developed into a high quality regional laboratory, providing services throughout Rhode Island and parts of Southern Massachusetts. The company has experienced consistent growth to become the leading provider of clinical laboratory services in the state of Rhode Island, with current annual revenues of over US\$30 million.

East Side will become integrated into Sonic Healthcare USA's existing Northeast Division, providing the opportunity for significant synergy capture and adding further momentum to Sonic's growth in this populous area of the USA.

Sonic is pleased to welcome the staff and management of East Side into its US operations team. The similar cultures, values and service standards of the two groups were instrumental in promoting this transaction and will provide the basis for successful integration of East Side staff into Sonic's global laboratory team.

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