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Retirement of Chairman and Appointment of new Chairman

At today's Board meeting Chairman Mr Barry Patterson announced his retirement from the Board of Sonic Healthcare.

Mr Patterson has been a Director of Sonic since 1993 and Chairman since 1999. In his time as a Director Sonic's market capitalisation has risen from ~\$20 million to ~\$4.3 billion. The Board and management wish Mr Patterson great happiness in his retirement, and sincerely thank him for his extraordinary leadership and wise counsel. His contribution to the success of the company and creation of shareholder value cannot be overstated. Mr Patterson's belief in, and support of, the concept of medical leadership for Sonic has been a crucial element in the development of the company's culture.

The Board is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Peter Campbell as the new Chairman. Mr Campbell has also been a Director of Sonic since 1993, and has long been informally considered the Deputy Chairman.

Mr Patterson said, "I am extremely proud and honoured to have been a part of the development of Sonic Healthcare, an Australian company which has taken its culture and expertise around the world. Sonic has a very bright future before it, and I am pleased to hand over to Peter Campbell, whose knowledge of the company and experience will greatly assist the company to achieve that future. I wish to thank my fellow shareholders, Directors and Sonic's management team for their support during my tenure".

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