



SONIC  
HEALTHCARE  
LIMITED

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Ms Stephanie Yong  
ASX Limited  
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Dear Ms Yong,

### REQUEST FOR TRADING HALT

Sonic Healthcare Limited (ASX Code: SHL) (**Sonic**) requests a trading halt under Listing Rule 17.1, commencing prior to 10.00am on 12 November 2008 (today).

Sonic is seeking a trading halt pending the announcement of full details of a proposed placement of ordinary shares in the capital of Sonic to eligible 'professional' and 'sophisticated' investors within the meaning of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) and eligible international investors. Details of the placement are to be determined via the conduct of a variable price bookbuild (**Bookbuild**). A trading halt is required to assist Sonic to manage its continuous disclosure obligations under Listing Rule 3.1 in light of the conduct of the Bookbuild, to enable the Bookbuild to be conducted in an orderly manner and to ensure that the conduct of the Bookbuild does not create an uncertain or uninformed market for trading in Sonic shares (particularly given recent market volatility).

Sonic would like the trading halt to last until the earlier of an announcement being made by Sonic to ASX regarding the outcome of the Bookbuild or the opening of trade at 10.00am on 14 November 2008 (but in any event not beyond the time prescribed in the ASX Market Rules).

Sonic is not aware of any reason why the trading halt should not be granted by ASX.

Yours sincerely

**SONIC HEALTHCARE LIMITED**

Paul Alexander  
Company Secretary