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SONIC HEALTHCARE COMPLETES DEBT REFINANCING

Sonic Healthcare Limited (SHL.AX) is pleased to announce that it has successfully completed the refinancing of the tranches of its syndicated senior bank debt facility that were due to expire on 15 March 2009. The limits for these tranches are denominated mainly in USD and Euro and equate to ~A\$500 Million at current exchange rates.

Sonic has selected a maturity date of 30 April 2010 for the refinanced tranches to maintain a spread of maturities. Sonic's other major debt facility expiry dates are in 2011 and 2012.

The refinanced debt tranches have been repriced to current market margin levels, whilst the balance of Sonic's debt remains at the existing favourable pricing.

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