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Summary FY '11

- Financial summary
 - Revenue up 10% (constant currency)
 - ▶ EBITDA up 11% (constant currency)
 - ▶ NPAT up 6% (constant currency) guidance met
 - Full-year dividend maintained at 59 cents per share, 28% franked
- Margin expansion in major divisions
 - Germany up 120 bps, USA up 60 bps
 - Radiology up 100 bps
 - ▶ IPN (Medical Centres) up 190 bps
- Australian pathology business H2 turnaround
 - Negative H1 revenue / earnings growth due to fee cuts and low market growth
 - H2 '11 vs H2 '10: revenue growth 6%, margin expansion 190 bps
 - ▶ Stable funding environment for next 5 years
- Sonic in strong position
 - Stability and future growth
 - Enhancement of shareholder value



FY '12 Guidance

- ▶ EBITDA growth of 10-15%
- Interest expense to increase by $\sim 30\%$
 - Due to increased margins and growth in debt since July 2010
 - Expect interest expense to decline in FY '13
- \triangleright Effective tax rate ~26%
 - ▶ Reflecting expansion in countries with higher tax rates
- Based on constant currency (FY '11 FX rates)
- Excludes future acquisitions
- On track after 4 months' trading



Trading Update

4 Months through Oct 2011

- ▶ EBITDA growth tracking within guidance range
- ▶ Strong revenue growth in Australian pathology (~8%)
- **USA** organic revenue growth soft (\sim 2%), higher than competitors
- ▶ German organic revenue growth (~5%), exceeding budget



Regulatory Update

USA

- Austerity proposals creating uncertainty in financial markets
- ▶ Existing funding regime 0.7% Medicare fee increase from 1 Jan 2012
- ▶ Most likely austerity measure 2% Medicare fee cut from 2013
- ▶ US Medicare revenue <5% of Sonic's total revenue
- ▶ Potential upside of additional ~30 million insured people (Obamacare)

Germany

- Lab funding not tied to government budgets
- Lab testing well funded by independent statutory and private insurers
- ▶ Short payments by some regional funders ("KVs")
 - ▶ Temporary and being contested
 - System errors identified in KV data
 - Industry working collaboratively to resolve
 - ▶ Legal advice supports recoverability
 - ▶ Short payments lower in June quarter vs March quarter



Financial Summary FY '11

Currency Translation Effects

A\$M	FY '11 Constant Currency *	GROWTH FY '11 v FY '10 Constant Currency *	FY '11 Statutory	CURRENCY TRANSLATION EFFECTS
Revenue	3,287	10%	3,096	(191)
EBITDA	605	11%	570	(35)
NPAT	311	6%	295	(16)

- EPS 79.7 cents (constant currency), up 6% on FY '10
- Operating cash flow \$409 million, in line with cash profit

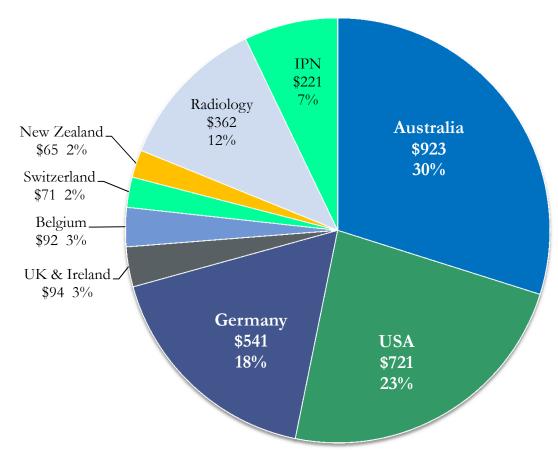
* Constant Currency – FY '11 values presented using FY '10 currency exchange rates





Revenue Split FY '11





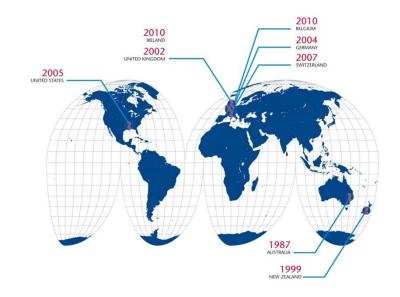
Statutory revenue in A\$ M





Sonic Healthcare Model

- Building a strong and successful company
- Enhancing value for stakeholders
- Sonic people
 - Core Values
- Customer services
 - Sonic Foundation Principles
- Shareholder value
 - ▶ EPS and ROIC



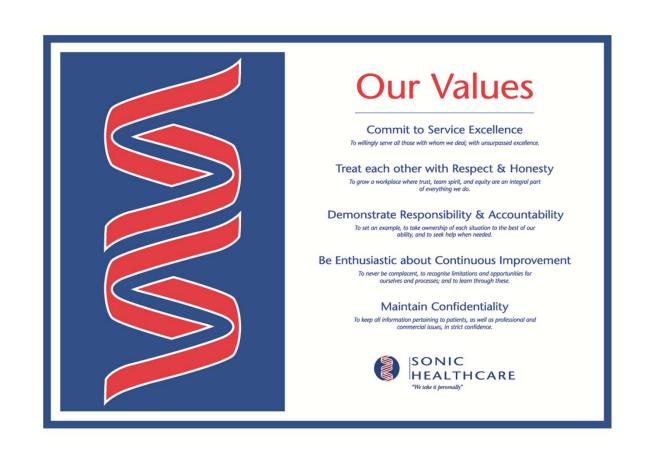
EPS – Earnings per share

ROIC - Return on invested capital (return after tax)



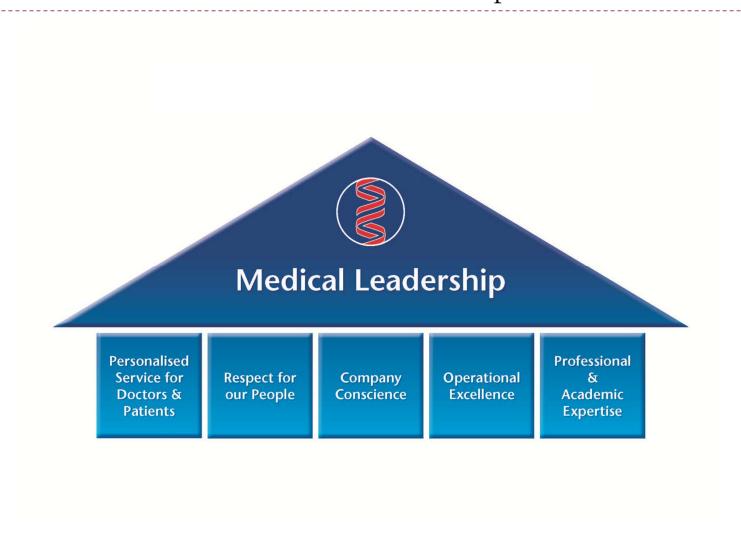
Sonic People

Core Values





Customer Services Sonic Foundation Principles



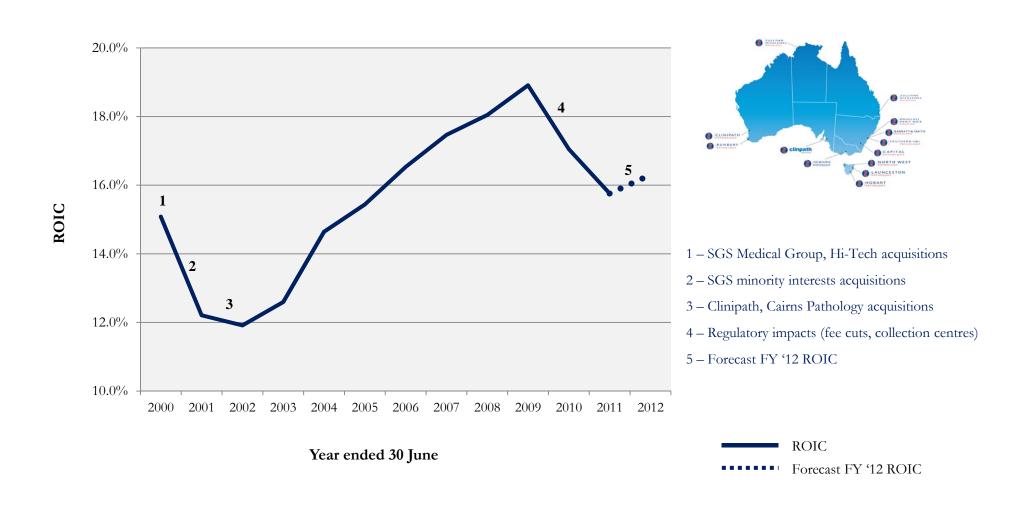


Shareholder Value Business Model

- Model designed to drive EPS and ROIC accretion
 - Proven in Australia over past two decades
 - Well-advanced in USA and Europe
- Phase 1
 - Initial acquisition in new market
 - **EPS** accretion
 - ▶ Low ROIC
- Phase 2
 - Add synergistic acquisitions
 - **EPS** accretion
 - ▶ Initially ROIC dilutive
- ▶ Phase 3
 - Organic growth, synergies, margin expansion
 - ▶ EPS accretion
 - ▶ ROIC accretion

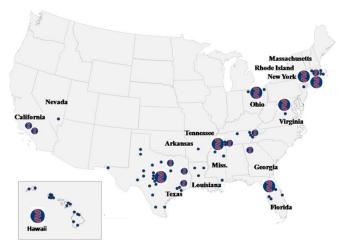


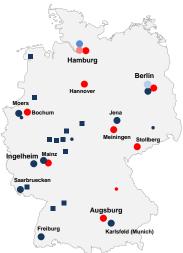
Return on Invested Capital (ROIC) Australian Pathology



Return on Invested Capital (ROIC) USA and Germany

- Critical mass and significant infrastructure platforms established in both markets (Phase 1)
- Synergistic bolt-on acquisitions (Phase 2)
- Current focus on organic growth, synergy capture, margin expansion and ROIC accretion (Phase 3)
- Initial ROIC dilution due to acquisitions
 - ▶ USA investment since Sept '05 ~US\$1,264 million
 - ► Germany investment since Sept '07 ~€430 million
 - ▶ USA and Germany FY '11 ROICs exceed Sonic's WACC
- ▶ ROIC accretion to accelerate in USA and Germany





WACC - Weighted average cost of capital



Sonic's Business Model

Strategic Clarity

- ▶ Roll-up of fragmented markets
- Margin expansion via synergies, rationalisation and economies of scale
- Ongoing organic growth, with marginal profit gains

Consistency

- Sonic's pathology model essentially unchanged over 15 years
- Model successfully rolled out in Australia in 1990's
- Extension of same model into the USA and Europe
- ▶ Corporate culture unchanged Core Values, Medical Leadership, Federated Structure

Confidence

- Demonstrably successful financial model
- Model delivers world-class service levels
- Key to overall success is strong corporate culture



Outlook

- ▶ Underlying company strength all divisions performing well
- Australian pathology strong market position / business turnaround
- ▶ USA margin expansion / ROIC accretion
- ▶ Europe margin expansion / ROIC accretion
- ▶ Imaging improving performance despite tough market
- ▶ A\$630 million credit lines available for synergistic acquisitions
- Outstanding global team of pathologists and radiologists
- ▶ Talented operational management teams to drive future success
- Strong corporate culture / Medical Leadership model
- Stable industry in volatile times





Thank You

