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RAMSAY HEALTH CARE AFFINITY ACQUISITION UPDATE –
NON-RECURRING ITEMS FOR FY 2005

Ramsay Health Care is due to report its unaudited results for the financial year ended June 30, 2005 on Monday, August 29.

Ramsay Health Care advises that the FY 2005 financial results will include a number of one-off non-recurring charges related to the \$1.5 billion acquisition earlier this year of Affinity Healthcare and the associated equity and debt financing arrangements.

The company expects that the FY2005 results will include non-recurring charges of approximately \$10.9 million net of tax, relating to financing costs and restructuring provisions associated with the acquisition.

Excluding these one-off charges, the company is still in line to at least achieve it's previously announced core net profit target for the FY2005.

At its results announcement for the six months ended December 31 2004, Ramsay Health Care said it expected to match the first half core net profit result (before non-recurring items and amortisation of goodwill and intangibles) in the second half. This is before taking into account the acquisition of Affinity in April this year.

Ramsay announced a 17% rise in core net profit to \$24.9 million for the six months ended 31 December 2004.

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