



**SONIC  
HEALTHCARE  
LIMITED**

Thursday, 19 August 2004

## **SONIC'S OFFER FOR INDEPENDENT PRACTITIONER NETWORK**

### **NOTICE UNDER ASX LISTING RULE 3.3**

Sonic Healthcare Limited ("Sonic") refers to its 8.5 cent proportional takeover offer dated 12 July 2004 for Independent Practitioner Network Limited ("IPN"), which offer closed on Monday, 16 August 2004.

All IPN Shares tendered through CHESS for acceptance of the Sonic offer are currently held in Offer Accepted Sub-Positions. Processing of the release of those Sub-Positions is ongoing, with an expectation that the one-third of each IPN Shareholder's IPN Shares, which are not the subject of Sonic's offer, will be released before the market opens on Tuesday, 24 August 2004.

For the information of Market Participants, ASX Settlement & Transfer Corporation Pty Limited has agreed to waive all fail fees that may be incurred as a result of the delay in the release of those Sub-Positions.

All enquiries are to be directed to Rea Magill at Computershare Investor Services on (08) 8236 2356.

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