

13 September 2005

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Sonic Healthcare Ltd.
95 Epping Road, North Ryde,
NSW 2113
Australia

Re: Notice of Change in Interests of Substantial Shareholder under Section 671B

Company Secretary:

Enclosed is a Notice of Change in Interests of Substantial Shareholder Under Section 671B dated 12 September 2005. Please note that a copy of this report has been sent to the Australian Stock Exchange.

Neither the Capital Group Companies, Inc. nor any of its affiliates own shares of your company for its own account. Rather, the shares reported on Form 604 are owned by accounts under the discretionary investment management of one or more of the investment management companies that make up the Capital Group Companies, Inc.

For the purposes of this Notice an outstanding share balance of 275,509,648 shares was used to calculate the percentages of holdings of the relevant share capital. We believe this outstanding share balance is current; however, if this number is not accurate, please contact us as soon as possible so that we may make the necessary revisions to this Notice.

Should you have questions or require additional information, please contact Greg Dickinson or Gina Martinez at (213) 615-0469, or send a fax message to (213) 486-9698. Alternatively, you may contact us via E-mail at GRGroup@capgroup.com.

Regards,

Vivien Tan
Compliance Associate

Form 604**Corporations Act 2001 Section 671B****Notice of change of interests of substantial holder**

To Company Name/Scheme Sonic Healthcare Ltd.

ACN/ARSN _____

1. Details of substantial holder(1)

Name Capital Group Companies, Inc.

ACN/ARSN (if applicable) n/a

There was a change in the interests of the substantial holder on 12 September 2005

The previous notice was given to the company on 20 May 2005

The previous notice was dated 19 May 2005

The shares reported were owned by accounts under the discretionary investment management of 5 investment management companies (Capital International S.A., Capital Research and Management Company, Capital International, Inc., Capital Guardian Trust Company, and Capital International Limited) which are direct or indirect subsidiaries of The Capital Group Companies, Inc., 333 South Hope Street, 55th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90071 and such shares are being reported in the aggregate.

2. Previous and present voting power

The total number of votes attached to all the voting shares in the company or voting interests in the scheme that the substantial holder or an associate (2) had a relevant interest (3) in when last required, and when now required, to give a substantial holding notice to the company or scheme, are as follows:

Class of securities (4)	Previous notice		Present notice	
	Person's votes	Voting power (5)	Person's votes	Voting power (5)
Ordinary Shares	22,373,392 shares	8.1481%	19,437,131 shares	7.0550%

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3. Changes in relevant interests

Particulars of each change in, or change in the nature of, a relevant interest of the substantial holder or an associate in voting securities of the company or scheme, since the substantial holder was last required to give a substantial holding notice to the company or scheme are as follows:

Date of change	Person whose relevant interest changed	Nature of change (6)	Consideration given in relation to change (7)	Class and number of securities affected	Person's votes affected
20/5/2005 to 12/9/2005	Capital Group Companies, Inc.	Decreased holdings	Average price of 14.7782	2,936,261 Ordinary Shares	2,936,261

See Annexure A dated 19 May 2005

4. Present relevant interests

Particulars of each relevant interest of the substantial holder in voting securities after the change are as follows:

Holder of relevant interest	Registered holder of securities	Person entitled to be registered as holder (8)	Nature of relevant interest (6)	Class and number of securities	Person's votes
		none			
See Annexure A dated 12 September 2005 (copy attached)					

5. Changes in association

The persons who have become associates (2) of, ceased to be associates of, or have changed the nature of their association (9) with, the substantial holder in relation to voting interests in the company or scheme are as follows:

Name and ACN/ARSN (if applicable)	Nature of association
N/A	N/A

6. Addresses

The addresses of persons named in this form are as follows:

Name	Address
Capital Group Companies, Inc.	333 South Hope Street, 55 th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90071

Signature

print name: Lillane Corzo

Capacity: Counsel

sign here _____

date

13 September 2005

Annexure "A"

This is the Annexure of 2 pages marked Annexure "A" referred to in Form 604 signed by this corporation dated 12 September 2005.

The Capital Group Companies, Inc.

By:

Liliane Corzo
Counsel

Australia Annexure
Sonic Healthcare Ltd.
12 September 2005

<u>CG Investment Management Company</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Number of Shares</u>	<u>% Held</u>
Capital Guardian Trust Company	44000600	141,962	
	44044600	4,554	
	44278200	129,673	
		276,189	
Capital International Limited	43410500	89,402	
	43412500	30,380	
	43413100	288,690	
	43413200	28,197	
	43415000	14,617	
	43415900	4,936	
	43417500	110,000	
	43418300	52,588	
	43418500	77,536	
	43419300	284,400	
	43425200	70,051	
	43425300	85,389	
	43425400	25,148	
	43425800	11,800	
	43426000	305,381	
	43426200	213,763	
	43426300	355,980	
	43426400	251,800	
	43426600	155,238	
	43426800	77,400	
	43428200	45,299	
	43433100	13,596	
	43437100	160,608	
	43437300	147,565	
	43437400	189,054	
	43439100	119,515	
	43439200	599,002	
	43446100	15,713	
	43446200	6,347	
	43455200	22,100	
	43518500	25,846	
	43558100	39,959	
	43560100	108,441	
	43570400	36,065	
	43573100	140,623	
	43575100	95,967	
	43583100	830,841	
	43594100	22,100	
		5,151,337	
Capital International S.A.	45415200	3,349	
		3,349	

Australia Annexure
Sonic Healthcare Ltd.
12 September 2005

<u>CG Investment Management Company</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Number of Shares</u>	<u>% Held</u>
Capital International, Inc.	46343400	8,600	
	46364700	2,100	
	46422100	39,303	
		50,003	
Capital Research and Management Company	11000012	13,348,349	
	11000035	522,585	
	11000075	85,319	
		13,956,253	
GRAND TOTAL		19,437,131	7.06%

Nominee List
Sonic Healthcare Ltd.
12 September 2005

Nominee Name

ANZ Nominees
 Level 25, Collins Street
 GPO Box 2842 AA
 Melbourne 3001 VIC
 43413100 288,690
 43413200 28,197

Total Shares: 316,887

ANZ Nominees Limited (Melbourne)
 GPO Box 2842AA
 Melbourne, Victoria 3001
 Australia
 43437300 147,565
 43446100 15,713
 43446200 6,347
 43594100 22,100

Total Shares: 191,725

Bankers Trust Australia
 Level 9, The Chifley Tower
 2, Chifley Square
 Sydney NSW 2000, Australia
 43415000 14,617
 43418300 52,588

Total Shares: 67,205

Chase Manhattan Bank Australia Limited
 Level 36 World Trade Centre
 Jamison Street
 Sydney, NSW 2000 Australia
 11000012 13,348,349
 43426600 155,238
 43428200 45,299
 43439200 599,002
 44000600 141,962
 46422100 39,303

Total Shares: 14,329,153

Chase Manhattan Nominee Ltd.
 Australia
 43425400 25,148

Total Shares: 25,148

Nominee List
Sonic Healthcare Ltd.
12 September 2005

Nominee Name

Citicorp Nominees PTY Ltd
Level 26, Mitre 502-30
101 Collins Street
Melbourne, Victoria 3000
43426300
43570400

355,980

36,065

Total Shares:

392,045

HKBA Nominees Ltd.
GPO Box 181
Sydney 2001
Australia
43410500

89,402

Total Shares:

89,402

National Australian Bank LTD.
271 Collins St.
5th Floor South
Melbourne, Victoria 3000

43417500

110,000

43419300

284,400

43425200

70,051

43426800

77,400

43439100

119,515

43455200

22,100

43558100

39,959

43560100

108,441

43575100

95,967

46343400

8,600

Total Shares:

936,433

Westpac Banking Corp

43412500

30,380

43418500

77,536

43425300

85,389

43426200

213,763

43433100

13,596

43437400

189,054

43518500

25,846

43573100

140,623

46364700

2,100

Total Shares:

778,287

Westpac Custodian Nominees

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Sonic Healthcare Ltd.
12 September 2005

Nominee Name

50 Pitt Street, 8th Floor
Sydney, NSW 2000
Australia

11000035	522,585
11000075	85,319
43415900	4,936
43425800	11,800
43426000	305,381
43426400	251,800
43437100	160,608
43583100	830,841
44044600	4,554
44278200	129,673
45415200	3,349

Total Shares:	2,310,846
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