



SONIC  
HEALTHCARE  
LIMITED

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Company Announcements Office  
Australian Stock Exchange Limited  
50 Bridge Street  
Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Sirs,

Sonic Healthcare Limited (**Sonic**) advises that the orders of the Federal Court of Australia made today approving the schemes of arrangement between Sonic and its shareholders and Sonic and its optionholders to effect the spin-out of the majority of Sonic's shareholding in SciGen Ltd (**Spin-out**), have been lodged with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission. A copy of the orders is attached.

Deferred quotation and settlement trading of SciGen CUFS on the ASX will commence tomorrow, Friday 15 November 2002. It is expected that deferred settlement trading will continue until 28 November 2002.

Sonic wishes to confirm that Sonic shareholders will be entitled to 1 SciGen CUFS for each Sonic share held by them at the close of business on the Record Date for the Spin-out, Thursday 21 November 2002. However, the SciGen CUFS to which Sonic shareholders are entitled will not be issued and holding certificates will not be despatched until the Spin-out Date, 27 November 2002.

It is the responsibility of each Sonic shareholder to determine their entitlement to SciGen CUFS before trading any SciGen CUFS to avoid the risk of selling SciGen CUFS they do not own. As the SciGen CUFS will not be issued until 27 November 2002, the SciGen share registry will not be able to confirm SciGen CUFS holdings until after 27 November 2002. Sonic shareholders' who sell their SciGen CUFS without receiving confirmation of their entitlement, do so at their own risk.

Sonic shareholders can confirm their current entitlement to Sonic shares to assist in their determination of their entitlement to SciGen CUFS, by calling the Sonic Share Registry on 1300 556 161.

Yours sincerely

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Company Secretary