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Sonic Healthcare to increase shareholding in GLP Systems, Germany

Sonic Healthcare Limited (“Sonic”) (SHL.AX) is pleased to announce that it has signed binding agreements to increase its current 25% shareholding in GLP Systems GmbH to an 80% ownership level. The remaining 20% is held by GLP Systems’ CEO, who will continue to lead the company.

Headquartered in Hamburg, Germany, and with ongoing support from Sonic Healthcare laboratories, GLP Systems has developed a cutting-edge laboratory automation technology which has now reached the stage of international commercialisation. The GLP technology is a total laboratory automation system, which includes a static, modular track, with a single-tube transport and storage system featuring intelligent “cars” dynamically transporting specimen tubes to and from diagnostic instruments, storage modules and work areas in laboratories of all sizes. Implementations to date have proven the predicted efficiency and cost-effectiveness of the system.

Sonic Healthcare laboratories in Hamburg, Berlin and Sydney acted as co-development and beta-sites for the evaluation of automation modules, software, high-volume throughput proofing and quality control. Following successful installations in these labs, the technology has subsequently been implemented in Sonic’s Brisbane laboratory, with a further installation soon to launch in Sonic’s new hub laboratory building in central London. More Sonic laboratories will transition to the GLP system in the future.

Through existing distribution agreements, GLP Systems’ automation solutions have also been installed in smaller third-party laboratories in five European countries, including into public and university hospitals, as well as private laboratories. The company will continue with its open sales strategy aimed at interested third party laboratories. GLP Systems and Sonic partnered with Sysmex Europe GmbH for the commercialisation of the automation system and have awarded exclusive distribution rights to Sysmex for Europe, the Middle-East, Africa and certain countries in Asia Pacific.

The transaction is subject to antitrust approval and usual closing conditions, and is expected to complete in December 2016. GLP Systems currently has annual revenue of approximately €13 million, and revenue and earnings are expected to grow rapidly in coming years.

Sonic’s CEO, Dr. Colin Goldschmidt said: “We are excited to move to majority ownership of GLP Systems at the opportune time when its ground-breaking technology has been proven in both medium and large scale laboratory settings. The development of GLP Systems is a great example of venture synergy, where the experience, intellect and infrastructure of Sonic Healthcare adds substantial value to a smart technology company. Our ownership stake is not only important from an ongoing operational viewpoint, but we are also confident that it will create significant future value for Sonic shareholders.”

Further information about GLP Systems is contained in Sonic’s press release of 5 June 2013 (which can be accessed at www.sonichealthcare.com), and on GLP Systems’ website at www.glp-systems.com.

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