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## APPOINTMENT OF NEVILLE MITCHELL AS AN INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR OF SONIC HEALTHCARE LIMITED

The Board of Sonic Healthcare (SHL.AX) is pleased to announce that, as part of the Board's continuous renewal process, Mr Neville Mitchell has joined the Board as an independent, non-executive director with effect from today. He will stand for election by shareholders at the company's 2017 Annual General Meeting on 22 November 2017.

Mr Mitchell is a qualified Chartered Accountant with 27 years of experience (until March 2017) as Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary of ASX-listed Cochlear Limited, a world leading medical device developer, manufacturer and seller, with annual revenue of A\$1.24 billion. Cochlear has direct operations in more than 20 countries, with over 3,000 employees. Mr Mitchell was a key member of Cochlear's executive team responsible for the setting and execution of the company's growth strategy from its listing in 1995, when annual revenue was ~A\$70 million. He brings a wealth of international healthcare and finance experience to Sonic's Board.

Mr Mitchell currently holds non-executive director roles with ASX-listed healthcare companies Sirtex Medical Limited (from April 2017) and Osprey Medical Inc. (from July 2012). He is also a member of the Australian Board of Taxation and the NSW Government's Medical Device Fund. He has previously performed roles with a number of industry and government committees, including the Group of 100 (Australia's peak body for senior finance executives), and Chairman, Standing Committee (Accounting and Auditing), for the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC).

Mr Mitchell will serve as a member of both the Audit Committee and the Risk Management Committee of the Sonic Board.

Sonic's Board now comprises five independent directors (including the Chairman) and three executive directors, including a pathologist and a radiologist. The Audit Committee is comprised of four independent directors.

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