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AIC Proceedings

Australian Clinical Labs Limited (**ASX: ACL, Company**) advises that further to its announcements on 27 October 2022 and 5 December 2022, following on from a cyber incident in February 2021 involving personal information of some of Medlab's patients and staff, the Australian Information Commissioner (**AIC**) has commenced civil proceedings in the Federal Court of Australia against the Company in relation to alleged contraventions of the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) during the period 26 May 2021 to 29 September 2022. ACL will be defending the AIC claim and asserts that its cyber security systems are robust.

The AIC's claim seeks declarations and pecuniary penalties in respect of the alleged contraventions. In essence, the AIC alleges that ACL:

- had deficient cyber security arrangements in place for the protection of the personal information it held;
- did not carry out an adequate assessment of whether the Medlab incident represented an eligible data breach within 30 days; and
- did not notify the AIC of an eligible data breach 'as soon as practicable' as required by the Privacy Act.

ACL confirms that the claims relate to its systems and process during the relevant period only and the AIC is not alleging that any ACL data has been compromised other than the data involved in the Medlab incident notified to the market on 27 October 2022.

The AIC claim does not specify the level of any penalty it intends to seek in the event that the claim is established. ACL cannot rule out the possibility that any penalty payable in the event that the claim is established will be material.

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This announcement has been authorised for release to ASX by the ACL Board.

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About Australian Clinical Labs

ACL is a leading Australian private provider of pathology services. Our NATA accredited laboratories perform a diverse range of pathology tests each year for a range of clients including doctors, specialists, patients, hospitals and corporate clients. ACL is one of the largest private hospital pathology businesses nationally. ACL is focused on its mission of combining talented people, and medical and scientific leadership, with innovative thinking and technologies to empower decision making that saves and improves patients' lives.