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### ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

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## **ACQUISITION – ADELAIDE CBD**

1300SMILES Ltd has today completed the acquisition of a six (6) surgery dental practice in Adelaide's central business district.

The practice is of strategic significance for 1300SMILES Ltd, representing the largest move to date from its Queensland origins, and is a tangible step in the commencement of its national expansion plans.

The practice is also of historical significance, with its roots reaching back to 1945. The practice founder, Dr Graham Mount, acquired the nickname the "Grandfather of Dentistry" due to the significant role he played in the development of new approaches to the prevention and repair of the carious lesions (micro-cavities) in teeth. The practice was subsequently owned by Dr Mount's son, Dr Jeffrey Mount, and most recently by Dr Mark Earl.

In a distinguished career, Dr Earl has among other things been the consultant dental surgeon for the Adelaide Crows Football Club for the past 19 years. 1300SMILES Ltd is delighted that Dr Earl has committed to continue his work for the Crows and his other patients from the practice. The practice's dentists and hygienists will continue to provide an extensive range of dental services from the high quality facilities.

Whilst not financially material overall (given the scale of the company's established operations) this practice is expected to make an immediate contribution to both profit and earnings per share.

The company now owns and operates twenty-five (25) dental practices overall.

On behalf of the Board Daryl Holmes Managing Director

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#### ABOUT 1300SMILES LTD

#### **OVERVIEW OF THE COMPANY'S BUSINESS**

1300SMILES Ltd owns and operates full-service dental facilities at its sites in the ten major population centres in Queensland and also in Adelaide, South Australia. The company continually seeks to expand its presence into other geographical areas throughout Australia. It does so both by establishing its own new operations and by acquiring existing dental practices. The administrative and corporate offices are in Townsville.

1300SMILES enables the delivery of services to patients by providing the use of dental surgeries, practice management and other services to self employed dentists who carry on their own dental practices. The services provided by the company allow the dentists to focus on the delivery of dental services rather than on the administrative aspects of carrying on their businesses. The dentists pay fees to the company for the provision of these services under a Dental Service Agreement with the company. In some circumstances the company also employs qualified dentists.

The dentists who use the company's services range from new graduates to experienced dental professionals. Several dentists who use the company's services have special interests and experience in such areas as endodontics, oral surgery, implants and periodontics and cross-refer work to other dentists who use the company's services.

The company provides comprehensive services in the areas of marketing, administration, billing and collections, and facilities certification and licensing to all participating dentists. The company also provides all support staff, equipment and facilities, and sources all consumable goods using the buying power which derives from such a large group of dental businesses.

#### FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The company's core objective is to continue to increase profits and shareholder returns while providing a rewarding environment for our staff and the dentists using our facilities.

The company aims to achieve a combination of organic growth in its existing locations and the addition of new practice management facilities.

The key drivers for future growth of the company are:

- Increasing profits by attracting more dentists to our existing facilities and expanding those facilities which are already at full capacity;
- Assisting dentists who already practice within the 1300SMILES system to increase their turnover and income through benchmarking, training, and mentoring;
- Establishing new practices in existing and new regions (greenfield sites);
- · Acquiring substantial existing practices where we can do so on favourable terms; and
- · Managing dental facilities owned by others.

#### **DENTIST ENQUIRIES**

Owners of dental practices who are interested in unlocking the goodwill value of their businesses (or freeing themselves from all the management hassles) are invited to contact Dr. Daryl Holmes, Managing Director, on + 61 7 4720 1300 or md@1300SMILES.com.au.

Qualified dentists who wish to know more about joining one of our established facilities are encouraged to contact Dr. Holmes directly or email <u>dentalcareers@1300smiles.com.au</u> or visit our website <u>www.dentalcareersaustralia.com.au</u>.