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## AUDITORS' REPORT TO SOUTHERN CROSS HEALTHCARE GROUP

We have audited the balance sheet for the period ended 2 April 2006 and the related notes. The balance sheet has been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

## Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 2 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the balance sheet in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). Our responsibilities, as independent auditors, are established in the United Kingdom by statute, the Auditing Practices Board and our profession's ethical guidance. This opinion has been prepared for and only for the company in accordance with Section 43(3)(c) of the Companies Act 1985 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving this opinion, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or in to whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the balance sheet gives a true and fair view and is properly prepared in accordance with the United Kingdom Companies Act. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the company has not kept proper accounting records or if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

## Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the balance sheet is free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the balance sheet.

## **Opinion**

In our opinion the balance sheet gives a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the company's affairs at 2 April 2006 and has been properly prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1985, which would have applied had the balance sheet been prepared for a financial year of the company.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Registered Auditors

9 June 2006

