



## ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

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### **RAMSAY HEALTH CARE EXTENDS UK PLATFORM ACQUIRING BMI NOTTINGHAM HOSPITAL**

Ramsay Health Care Limited (“Ramsay”) has extended its reach in the UK market, agreeing to acquire the BMI Nottingham hospital from General Healthcare Group (“GHG”) for an undisclosed amount.

The BMI Nottingham Hospital is a private acute care hospital offering a wide range of services notably in orthopaedics, general surgery, urology and plastic surgery. It has 41 registered beds, two theatres and 13 consulting rooms. Ramsay is also acquiring the freehold to the property.

GHG acquired the Nottingham hospital in December 2007 when it bought a portfolio of nine hospitals from Nuffield Hospitals. To avoid any potential for reduced competition in their local markets, and help ensure there is a choice of high quality private providers available to patients, GPs and consultants, GHG has agreed to sell the Nottingham hospital to Ramsay.

BMI Nottingham Hospital is Ramsay’s first UK bolt-on acquisition following its entry into the UK market in September 2007 when it purchased Capio UK.

Ramsay Managing Director Pat Grier said: “The BMI Nottingham Hospital is a quality hospital and a valuable addition to Ramsay UK’s portfolio.

“Nottingham will increase Ramsay’s geographic coverage in the UK and strengthen Ramsay’s overall private hospital offering in the UK market. “With its stable private medical insurance (PMI) market and significant opportunities from the outsourcing of national health services (NHS) to the private sector, the UK market presents tremendous growth opportunities for Ramsay.

“Ramsay will continue to investigate bolt-on opportunities which meet our investment criteria as they arise and to grow the UK business.”

The Nottingham acquisition will be funded by Ramsay’s existing long-term debt facilities established last November. Additional UK hospital acquisitions were envisaged at the time and provided for under this facility.

The acquisition is subject to closing conditions, including regulatory and government approvals and consents.

Merrill Lynch acted as exclusive financial advisor to Ramsay on the acquisition.

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