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**THIS DOCUMENT IS IMPORTANT AND REQUIRES YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION.**

**If you are in any doubt as to the action you should take, you should consult your stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor, accountant or other professional adviser, duly authorised under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, immediately.**

**If you have sold or transferred all your ordinary shares in Southern Cross Healthcare Group PLC, please send this document, together with the enclosed form of proxy and other accompanying documents, to the purchaser or transferee or to the stockbroker, bank or other agent through whom the sale or transfer was effected for transmission to the purchaser or transferee.**

Dear Shareholder

**Important information regarding communications with shareholders**

During January 2007, new provisions within the Companies Act 2006 came into force regarding the ways that a company is permitted to communicate with its shareholders. Subject to a resolution being passed by shareholders or the inclusion of relevant provisions within its articles of association, a company can use its website to publish statutory documents and communications to shareholders, such as annual report and accounts, as its default method of publication.

Southern Cross Healthcare Group PLC would like to take advantage of these new regulations; therefore in future we intend to publish all shareholder information, including the AGM notice of meeting and annual report and accounts on the Company website at [www.schealthcare.co.uk](http://www.schealthcare.co.uk). Reducing the number of communications sent by post will not only result in cost savings to the Company but will also reduce the impact that the unnecessary printing and distribution of reports has on the environment.

The Company will put a resolution to shareholders at the forthcoming annual general meeting to update its articles of association, to allow the website publication of certain documents, accordingly. Details of this resolution are included in the notice of the annual general meeting, to be held on Tuesday 5 February 2008, which is included within this pack.

In addition to passing this resolution, company law requires that shareholders are asked individually to consent to this method of publication. Therefore, subject to the passing of the resolution at the annual general meeting, we are hereby seeking your consent to receive certain electronic documents of Southern Cross Healthcare Group PLC via publication on the Company's website.

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