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Dear Shareholder,

**Healthscope Annual General Meeting 2009**

I am pleased to provide you with the notice of Healthscope's annual general meeting for 2009. Our AGM will be held at 10 am on 30 October 2009 at The Gateway Theatre, The Gateway, Ground Floor, 312 St Kilda Road in Melbourne.

Healthscope has performed strongly over the last financial year with net profit after tax from continuing operations (before non-recurring items) of \$88.2 million, up 17.8% on last year. In a year which presented difficult economic conditions for many companies, our businesses continued to experience strong demand which underpinned growth in revenue and earnings. Our outlook is positive for increasing market share and improving margins again in the coming year.

We announced on 27 August 2009 the successful completion of our \$140 million institutional placement to provide funding for the expansion of hospitals, recent acquisitions and to provide flexibility to pursue opportunities for further growth. I am delighted to report that the placement was very strongly supported by our institutional shareholders and that we were able to raise the required capital at an issue price of A\$4.30, a discount of only 5% to the closing price on 25 August 2009.

We have also offered eligible retail shareholders the opportunity to increase their investment in Healthscope through a Share Purchase Plan. You would have received details of this offer by mail. The offer closes on 1 October 2009. If you have any queries regarding the offer or how to participate, you can contact the Shareholder Information Line on 1300 135 403 or visit the company website at [www.healthscope.com.au](http://www.healthscope.com.au).

If you have requested a printed copy of our Annual Report, a copy is enclosed. Our Annual Report is also available through our website. As we all try to reduce our carbon footprint, I encourage you to consider receiving the Annual Report and other information regarding your investment in Healthscope by email. If you would like receive information from Healthscope by email, you can let us know by completing the form enclosed or through our website.

I look forward to meeting you at the AGM. If you are not able to attend, you can vote on the resolutions online through the company's website or by returning the enclosed proxy form.

Yours sincerely,

Linda Bardo Nicholls, AO  
Chairman