HEALTHCARE LOCUMS PLC NEWS ANNOUNCEMENT

Healthcare Locums - Trading Statement

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('HCL' or the 'Group')

Trading Update

Healthcare Locums plc, one of the UK's largest and fastest growing specialist healthcare recruitment companies, reports on trading for the 26 week period ended 30 June 2008. The Board will announce interim results for the 26 week period to 30 June
2008 during the week commencing September 8th.

The Group is pleased to report that results will be in line with expectations.

Since the Group's preliminary results for the year ending December 2007, trading has continued to grow strongly month on month in line with expectations. The current annual run rate turnover has increased from the £160m announced at the preliminary results in April 2008 to £173m and gross margin run rate has increased from £36m, to £46m over the same period.

The Group has seen positive trading in each of its three UK operating divisions (Doctors, Qualified Social Workers, and Allied Health Professionals) with all experiencing growing demand for their services. Trading in the International permanent
placement division has started very strongly, and is accelerating rapidly as a result of significant contract wins.

The Company's growth is being driven by increasing Government investment in the healthcare sector, alongside a growing ageing population in the UK that requires both acute and non-acute care in both the public and private sectors. HCL reports
increasing demand for its services as healthcare providers face the challenge of sourcing the highly skilled, appropriately qualified staff to meet the needs of both the NHS and private sector. In order to meet this demand, HCL continues to increase its
international recruitment services. Approximately 70% of locums that the Group places each week are international workers.

HCL continues to develop both its UK and international placement division. With over four million vacancies for healthcare staff worldwide, HCL is capitalising on opportunities for placing staff outside the UK. Contracts in both the UAE and the USA
are now delivering significant revenues, with current annual run rate now over £3.9m.

Kate Bleasdale, Chief Executive of Healthcare Locums plc, commented

'The UK health and social care flexible staffing market is worth over £1.4bn per annum and the international market for the permanent placement of healthcare staff is worth in excess of £8bn. HCL remains the market leader in each of its divisions and is exceptionally well placed to take advantage of the significant growth opportunities available in both the UK and International markets. As a result the Group is seeing strong and continued organic growth, which we expect to be maintained
through 2008 and beyond.'

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