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**Healthcare Locums plc  
(the "Group" or the "Company")**

**Trading Update**

Healthcare Locums plc, the UK's largest and fastest growing specialist health and social care staffing company, provides the following update on trading for the period to end November 2008.

Trading continues to be robust with consistent month on month revenue and profit growth throughout the year. November 2008 was the best performing month in the Company's five year history. Group revenue run rate based on November performance equates to approximately £180 million per annum (2007: £134.9 million actual), reflecting an annualised run rate gross margin of approximately £56 million (2007: £31.2 million actual).

Combined analyst forecasts for the Group's full financial year, ending 31 December 2008, state a pre-tax profit of £18.2 million (2007: £11.9 million actual). The Company states that it is confident of meeting this market forecast.

The Company anticipates continuing strong growth of the business into 2009. The Company notes that equity analysts have recently substantially upgraded their forecasts for 2009. The upgraded consensus figure for pre-tax profit for year ending 31 December 2009 is now £31.8 million.

The Group's growth is being driven by strong performance in all three of its UK operating divisions as well as its overseas businesses. In all three UK divisions there continues to be a surfeit of demand for skilled and appropriately qualified temporary and permanent staff coupled with continuing limited supply to meet these requirements.



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