



**ASX ANNOUNCEMENT 2 OCTOBER 2008  
EYECARE PARTNERS LIMITED ACN 006 505 808**

The Directors of Eyecare Partners Limited are pleased to announce the finalisation of agreements to purchase 5 optometry practices; 1 in Western Australia, 1 in Victoria and 3 in New South Wales.

The practices in aggregate are expected to add annual revenues in excess of \$3.8 million to the group. The acquisitions are anticipated to be cash flow and earnings per share positive. The total acquisition cost is \$3.5 million and was settled in combination of convertible notes and cash.

The practices will remain managed by the vendors of the practices in line with the company's management philosophy of local day to day management of practices. Located in Ballarat (in Victoria), Subiaco (in Western Australia), and Toukley, Umina Beach and Kincumber (in New South Wales) the practices are well established businesses with scope for further improvement.

The acquisitions settled on 1 October 2008 and include the issue of 501,000 convertible notes, which does not require shareholder approval. The consideration convertible notes are not listed, do not bear interest, are issued at an implied price of \$0.20 per note and will convert to ordinary fully paid shares in Eyecare Partners Limited on a one for one basis, on the day after the Company's next dividend payment.

The Company has drawn on its bank funding facilities to meet the acquisition consideration and maintain sufficient cash reserves and undrawn facilities to fund future acquisitions.

The acquisitions will bring the number of practices in the group to 38 and Eyecare Partners continues to identify and assess acquisition opportunities to add to the group.

The group manages its practices on a collaborative management basis with its vendor optometrists and business managers, with all budgets and rewards set on the basis of consultation and agreement to assure alignment of interests between management and shareholders. This business model is proving very attractive to vendor optometrists and business managers.

Eyecare Partners is increasing the number of practices in the group, operates on a stable and profitable basis, and recently paid a fully franked final dividend of \$0.006 per security to its shareholders, bringing total dividends paid for the first full year of operation to \$0.01 per security, fully franked.

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