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Aspen Medical awarded Remote Area Health Corps contract

Canberra 29 October 2008: Aspen Medical today confirmed that it has been selected by the Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH) of the Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA) to establish and manage the Remote Area Health Corps (RAHC).

The RAHC is a Federal Government initiative which is part of the Government's commitment to expand health service delivery in remote NT Indigenous Communities. The RAHC agency is being established to supplement recruitment of health professionals and will have a particular focus on the recruitment of urban-based health professional.

Aspen Medical's General Manager, Glenn Keys said "This is a unique opportunity to establish a best practice health recruitment service. Aspen Medical has the experience to deliver this important agency for the remote communities of the Northern Territory."

The roll-out of this initiative involves collaboration with Aboriginal Medical Service Alliance NT (AMSANT) and the NT Department of Health and Families (NT DHF). It will provide additional doctors, nurses and allied health professionals to expand the delivery of regionally based primary health care services in remote NT Indigenous communities, to support more efficient and comprehensive health care. To assist the delivery of primary health care services a RAHC agency is being established as part of this initiative, to supplement the recruitment efforts of Aboriginal Medical Services and NT DHF.

Mr Keys concluded by saying "As an Australian company we have had a growing presence in remote Australia, we understand the challenges and the need to prompt culturally safe practices. Our role in establishing the RAHC will ensure that this approach is core to the organisation's approach."

Aspen Medical is an Australian company with a strong presence in Australia, the Pacific, South East Asia and Europe. Aspen grew out of a need to provide the highest quality healthcare care in areas of high medical demand. With headquarters in Canberra, Australia, Aspen Medical is a leader in innovative and cost-effective healthcare solutions supporting an international market.

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