

23 March 2006

Dear shareholder

On behalf of the board and management of Abano Healthcare Group Limited, I am pleased to present to you the interim report for the six month period to 30 November 2005.

Abano has had a progressive half year, with a number of positive changes to the Group's portfolio and a strengthening of our position as New Zealand's leading operator of healthcare and medical services businesses.

Following our annual meeting in September 2005, and the approval by shareholders of a Long Term Incentive share scheme for key executives, the Company has today given notice that it has provided financial assistance for the purchase of shares in the Company.

**Notice of provision of financial assistance not exceeding five per cent of shareholders funds**

[Section 80(1)(b) of the Companies Act 1993]

The company gives notice in accordance with section 80(1)(b) of the Companies Act 1993 that on 22 March 2006 it provided financial assistance to Mr Alan Clarke, Mr Richard Keys and Mr Andrew Tapper for the purchase of shares in the company in accordance with the company's executive share scheme ("**Scheme**") approved by shareholders on 23 September 2005. Details of the assistance are set out below.

Name	Shares	Consideration
Alan Clarke	153,846 Ordinary shares	\$240,000
Richard Keys	77,564 Ordinary shares	\$121,000
Andrew Tapper	77,564 Ordinary shares	\$121,000

Consideration was provided by way of an interest free loan to the relevant executives in accordance with the Scheme.

I would like to thank all our shareholders for their ongoing support of our company and our strategy, and look forward to the continuing growth and improving performance of the Group.

Yours sincerely



Jim Syme  
Chairman  
Abano Healthcare Group Limited