



# News Release

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## **SONIC ANNOUNCES PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF ITS MODIFIED "DUTCH AUCTION" TENDER OFFER**

OKLAHOMA CITY (October 9, 2006) – Sonic Corp. (NASDAQ:SONC), the nation's largest chain of drive-in restaurants, today announced the preliminary results of its modified "Dutch Auction" tender offer, which expired at 12:00 midnight, Eastern Time on October 6, 2006.

In accordance with the terms and conditions of the tender offer, Sonic expects to accept for purchase approximately 15,952,000 shares of its common stock (including 4,771,000 shares tendered through notice of guaranteed delivery) at a purchase price of \$23.00 per share, for a total cost of \$366.9 million. Based on a preliminary count by UMB Bank N.A., the depository for the tender offer, approximately 15,952,000 shares of common stock were properly tendered and not withdrawn at prices at or below the purchase price. Because the number of shares of common stock tendered at or below the purchase price was less than the number of shares that Sonic offered to purchase, proration will not be necessary.

The number of shares Sonic expects to purchase in the tender offer represents approximately 19% of Sonic's currently outstanding common stock.

In the tender offer, Sonic offered to purchase up to 24,347,826 shares of its common stock at a price per share not less than \$19.50 and not greater than \$23.00, for a maximum aggregate purchase price of \$560 million.

All inquiries about the tender offer should be directed to the information agent, Georgeson Inc. at (866) 295-3782. Banks and brokers may call (212) 440-9800.

Sonic, America's Drive-In, originally started as a hamburger and root beer stand in 1953 in Shawnee, Okla., called Top Hat Drive-In, and then changed its name to Sonic in 1959. The first drive-in to adopt the Sonic name is still serving customers in Stillwater, Okla. Sonic has approximately 3,200 drive-ins coast to coast and in Mexico. More than a million customers eat at Sonic every day. For more information about Sonic Corp. and its subsidiaries, visit Sonic at [www.sonicdrivein.com](http://www.sonicdrivein.com).

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