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## Dear Unitholder,

On Tuesday 21 September 2010, after going to print for the enclosed Annual Report, an article was published in The Australian Financial Review about ING Medical Properties Trust being in due diligence as a potential buyer of the assets of the Essential Healthcare Trust in Australia. As such we deemed it appropriate to inform the NZX pursuant to our continuous disclosure obligations about this. We also felt it was appropriate that you, our unitholders were informed.

The Essential Healthcare Trust comprises a portfolio of 12 properties including general and surgical hospitals, psychiatric hospitals and medical consulting suites located in Tasmania, Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland.

We released the following statement to the NZX on 21 September 2010, in response to that article:

"ING Medical Properties refers to the reference today in The Australian Financial Review regarding a potential acquisition of the assets of the Essential Healthcare Trust by the ING Medical Properties Trust (the "Trust").

Orchard Capital Investments Limited, the manager of the Essential Healthcare Trust, has granted the Trust an exclusive period within which to undertake due diligence and negotiate potential transaction terms which may or may not lead to a transaction.

However, the Manager confirms that the Trust has not entered into any commitment to acquire assets of the Essential Healthcare Trust. A further announcement will be made if this position changes."

There has been no change to the Trust's position since the above announcement, however as noted if the position changes a further announcement to NZX will be made.

Kind regards

**ING Medical Properties Limited** 

Bill Thurston Chairman

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