Lanka Hospitals Corporation Chairmanâ€™S Statement



It is with great pleasure that I present to you the Annual Report and the Audited Financial Statements for the financial year 2009. I am confident that our shareholders will be pleased wit h the operational and financial performance of The Lanka Hospitals Corporation (Lanka Hospitals) during the period under review.

Change has defined your Company’s operations in the recent past and I am fully aware that it has created a sense of uncertainity amongst our stakeholders. As your

Chairman, allow me to emphasise the fact that Lanka Hospitals, today, stands on the threshold of a new beginning. I can assure you that our vision for your Company is one that aspires to achieve the highest level of corporate excellence in the immediate future.

Our motherland, after three decades of terrorism, too stands on the throes of change. United as one country and one people, Sri Lanka stands on the verge of a catalytic rise in economic accomplishments. As citizens, ours is a role to precipitate this move towards achieving great heights in economic, infrastructural and social development. With dedication, hard work and able leadership I am confident that as a nation we will make our mark.

Our vision for your Company mirrors the bold vision of H E the President for our nation. In the year ahead we will put in place a number of strategic initiatives which aim to propel Lanka Hospitals to be positioned as a hospital and a corporate that is truly world-class. To this effect, our medium term goal is to be recognised as the best healthcare solutions provider in the South Asian region.

As I write this statement, plans are underway to relaunch the entirety of your Company's service portfolio in a strategic and concerted bid to notch our services to an all-new standard. By adopting international best practices and by benchmarking against some of the world's best in the field of healthcare, we are confident that your Company will reach new heights of operational excellence. Our search for medical expertise and technical know-how have no limitations, we will source resources from across the world in our quest to achieve our strategic objectives.

Therefore, you, our shareholders will appreciate that the Board and the Management of Lanka Hospitals are resolved to push the boundaries, inspired by the knowledge that by doing so not only will we garner recognition for your Company as a model for corporate success but also by the fact that our efforts will place Sri Lanka on the brink of a new victory – a victory of economic prosperity for the nation.

I am of the firm belief that commercial success must go hand in hand with societal

responsibility, especially as now is an opportune time to rebuild the very fabric of our society, which for years has undergone a multitude of hardships and sacrifices. As such, over the coming financial year, your Board will unveil a strategic corporate responsibility project of great magnitude and significance.

In conclusion, allow me, once again to re-assure you of our commitment to be the best. We will do what it takes to achieve this objective; we will work with a focus on the vision for your Company and deliver with dedication.

The future, therefore, dear shareholders and stakeholders is one filled with great opportunities. I call upon each and every one of you to join hands with us to place Lanka Hospitals as the pinnacle of healthcare in Sri Lanka, to establish your Company as the benchmark for Sri Lanka’s healthcare industry as well the region.

Gentlemen of the Board, ahead are challenging times but also times that promise the prospects of triumph. I call on all of you together with your Board of Management to look beyond the horizons, to think differently and do differently in the quest for fulfilling our dreams for this establishment and for our nation. Thank you for your show of confidence and for your commitment to the organisation over the past years.

It is pertinent to end with a quote from Madam Eleanor Roosevelt, the wife of President Franklin D Roosevelt, “the future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.” We have a dream for your Company and our motherland. Let us believe in its beauty. United, we will make it a reality.