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ISSUE: Southeast Georgia Health System - Camden Campus Hospital Expansion Project

The Southeast Georgia Health System (SGHS) - Camden Campus, a 40-bed acute care facility located in St. Marys, GA is expanding and improving services by constructing a 90,000 square foot new two-story addition and renovating portions of the existing building. The project also upgrades the facility infrastructure.

The objective of this project is to expand and upgrade healthcare services, not increase bed space. Based on an analysis of current and anticipated healthcare needs, this expansion project is designed to meet the demands of our growing community, and to fill service gaps.

The new two-story addition will more than double the size of the existing facility. Expanded services include:

- Emergency Department — from 10 to 17 beds
- Surgery Department: Expansion to 4 operating rooms; 2 endoscopy rooms
- Radiology Department: Women's Imaging, Mammography, Nuclear Medicine, Ultrasound, Bone Densitometry, MRI, CT Scanning, Radiography/Fluoroscopy
- Cardiopulmonary Department
- 23-Bed Medical-Surgical Unit with all single occupancy rooms
- 5-Bed Intensive Care Unit
- 12-Bed Maternity Center with two c-section rooms
- Outpatient Rehabilitative Services

Project Costs: The total project is estimated to cost \$29,415,517. The SGHS will finance the Camden project in part through the issuance of a portion of a \$94,000,000 tax-exempt bond issue; any balance will be paid utilizing SGHS operating funds.

Project Timeline: The new addition is expected to be occupied by September 2008. Renovations of the existing building will be complete in January 2009.

The Southeast Georgia Health System also recently acquired the St. Marys Convalescent Center, the local skilled nursing facility, and plans are underway to replace the aged facility with a new nursing home to be constructed on the hospital campus. Additional site plans include constructing a new multi-story medical office building to accommodate the need for additional medical office space.

The Veterans Administration also recently accepted the Health System's proposal to establish an outpatient clinic on the Camden Campus. This is expected to be complete in the summer of 2008.

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