



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **GHA names its Radiology Suite “The Bonita Trust Radiology Department”**

Following previous donations totalling over £800,000 to the Gibraltar Health Authority, the Bonita Trust has recently funded an upgrade to the CT scanner which was part of the original donation. On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2008 in recognition of the Bonita Trust's generosity, the Minister for Health will name the St Bernard's Hospital Radiology Suite “The Bonita Trust Radiology Department”.

The CT upgrade will provide enhanced diagnostic and treatment capabilities, improvement of image quality and faster acquisition of the images. It will help patients who are unable to be imaged in MRI machines, paediatric patients, and those adults who are unable to hold their breath long enough for examinations on conventional radiology equipment.

It allows screening for lung cancer, colon cancer and angiography (the study of blood vessel disease) to be carried out in Gibraltar. Patients will no longer have to go to the UK or Spain for expensive studies.

In accepting the donation on behalf of the GHA, Yvette Del Aqua, Minister for Health and Chairwoman of the GHA said “the GHA warmly welcomes the opportunity to work in partnership with both commercial entities and charitable organisations. The Bonita Trust's most recent donation provides the GHA with the latest imaging technology for the benefit of our community. The Trust is one of Gibraltar's most important benefactors and we feel it is important to recognise this publicly”.

Representing the Bonita Trust, Moe Cohen commented, “We are delighted that the GHA is looking to upgrade medical equipment here in Gibraltar and even more with the opportunity to be able to participate. We hope the community will reap the benefits of this for many years to come”.

Two years ago, the Bonita Trust donated imaging equipment, specialist medical equipment for Intensive Care, Anaesthesia, Paediatrics and very small newborns. The donation of this equipment has made a very significant contribution to the GHA's ability to ensure that first-class medical care is available here in Gibraltar.