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Jury Deadlocks in San Diego Hospital Trial; Mistrial Declared

SAN DIEGO – April 4, 2006 – Tenet Healthcare Corporation (NYSE: THC) announced today that a federal jury in San Diego has deadlocked and was unable to reach a verdict in the retrial of the case entitled *United States of America v. Barry Weinbaum, Tenet HealthSystem Hospitals Inc. and Alvarado Hospital Medical Center Inc.* As a result, U.S. District Judge M. James Lorenz declared a mistrial. Tenet HealthSystem Hospitals Inc. is a Tenet subsidiary that owns Alvarado Hospital Medical Center.

“It is unfortunate that this second jury, like the first, was unable to reach a verdict in this case after a seven-month trial and more than 60 days of deliberations over the past four and a half months,” said Peter Urbanowicz, Tenet’s general counsel. “Tenet continues to believe that physician relocation agreements such as those entered into by Alvarado are a common practice used by many hospitals to bring needed health care resources to their communities. This case has amply demonstrated that the law surrounding physician relocation agreements is complicated and subject to differing interpretations.”

Urbanowicz added, “Like the two juries that have deadlocked in February 2005 and now April 2006, Tenet and the prosecutors disagree over whether anyone at Alvarado Hospital Medical Center intended to break the law when they recruited physicians to the fast-growing eastern part of San Diego County. Because there is no reason to believe any other jury would produce a different result, we

earnestly hope that the prosecutors will decide not to re-try this case a third time. It's time for all of us now to devote our full energies to resolving the broader issues.”

In June 2003, a federal grand jury returned a multi-count indictment related to payments made by the hospital under physician relocation agreements that had been entered into over a period of several years in the 1990s. Federal law permits hospitals to assist physicians financially in relocating to a new community if the hospital can demonstrate that there is a need for the physician's services in the hospital's service area.

Alvarado Hospital Medical Center, a 311-bed acute care hospital in the rapidly growing eastern San Diego County community, specializes in cardiac services, emergency medicine, neuroscience, orthopedics, oncology, rehabilitation, skull base surgery, surgical services, vascular services and surgical weight reduction.

Tenet Healthcare Corporation, through its subsidiaries, owns and operates acute care hospitals and related health care services. Tenet's hospitals aim to provide the best possible care to every patient who comes through their doors, with a clear focus on quality and service. Tenet can be found on the World Wide Web at www.tenethealth.com.

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