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Tenet to Build New Hospital in Fort Mill, S.C.

State Approves Certificate of Need Application for New 100-Bed Hospital

DALLAS – May 31, 2006 – Tenet Healthcare Corporation (NYSE: THC) announced today that the staff of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) has approved the application of a Tenet subsidiary for a certificate of need to build a 100-bed hospital in Fort Mill, S.C. Charlie Miller, president and chief executive officer of Piedmont Medical Center, a hospital in Tenet’s Southern States Region, has been leading Tenet’s efforts to build the new hospital.

“This is a strong tribute to Piedmont and to Charlie Miller that they are the best possible operator for this new hospital,” said Trevor Fetter, Tenet’s president and chief executive officer. “This is terrific news on the heels of the groundbreaking ceremony last week in El Paso, Texas of Tenet’s newest facility, Sierra Providence Eastside Hospital. The Fort Mill new hospital plans are consistent with Tenet’s expansion and growth strategy to offer expanded access to care in communities where we have strong market presence.”

The 40-acre site for the new hospital is located at the intersection of Highways 160 and 21 in Fort Mill. Initial investment will be approximately \$125 million. Plans for new services at the unnamed hospital include inpatient and outpatient surgery; medical and surgical services; an emergency

department; critical care, labor and delivery; a Special Care Level II Nursery; diagnostic cardiac catheterization and advanced imaging technology, such as MRI and 64-slice CT.

Approval by DHEC is subject to appeal by the other certificate of need applicants. The company expects the appeal process to take up to 24 months, or longer. Once construction begins, the new hospital is expected to take up to 2 years to complete.

In other developments, DHEC also recently approved construction of a 140-bed replacement hospital for East Cooper Medical Center, a Tenet hospital in Mt. Pleasant, S.C. at an estimated cost of \$160 million. Opening of the replacement hospital is expected in early 2009.

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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[NOTE TO EDITORS: A digital architectural rendering of the Fort Mill, S.C. hospital and a photo of Charlie Miller are available by email on request. Please call Valeria Wilkes in Tenet's Corporate Communications department at (469) 893-6114.]