

Mediclinic International Plc

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Mediclinic won't make a fresh swoop for Spire as takeover talks break down

Shares in Mediclinic International Plc (LON:MDC) headed lower on Monday after the company said it will not make a further offer for fellow private hospital group Spire Healthcare Group PLC (LON:SPI).

After having an offer turned down in October, South Africa-based group Mediclinic said last week it was mulling the possibility of a fresh swoop although it has now canned that idea following a breakdown in talks.

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South Africa-based Mediclinic saw its share price fall 35% to 539p in early deals, while Spire shares dived by 5% to 256.3p.

At the end of last month, Spire - in which Mediclinic holds a stake of almost 30% - rejected an offer which valued it at £1.2bn.

As a result, Mediclinic had until 5pm today (UK time) to either make a new offer or walk away. By choosing the latter, under City takeover rules it now has to wait another six months before it can make another bid unless there is a change in circumstances.

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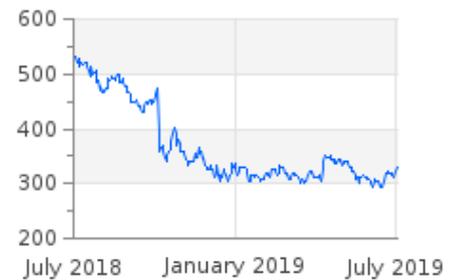
"Mediclinic is disappointed that it could not reach an agreement with the independent directors of Spire," the company said after talks between the two collapsed over the weekend.

Mediclinic added that it will remain a "supportive shareholder".

Price: 327.4p

Market Cap: £2413.63M

1 Year Share Price Graph



Share Information

Code: MDC

Listing: LSE

52 week High Low
540.80p 288.30p

Sector: Health Care, Equipment & Services

Website: www.mediclinic.com

Company Synopsis:

Mediclinic is a private hospital group with three operating platforms in Southern Africa (South Africa and Namibia), Switzerland and the United Arab Emirates. Its core purpose is to enhance the quality of life of patients by providing cost-effective acute care specialised hospital and related healthcare services.

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