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Jangho takes 20% Stake in Vision Eye

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A Chinese curtain manufacturer has taken a key stake in Vision Eye Institute, as ASX-listed Primary Health Care sells down its holding in the laser eye specialist for a \$14 million windfall.

Primary Health Care today said it will sell a \$34 million stake in Vision Eye Institute to Jangho Group, which is listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange.

The sale, to be settled on August 7, will net Primary Health a pre-tax gain of around \$14m, which the firm said it will use to pay down debt.

The purchase will take Jangho's stake in Vision Eye to 19.99 per cent, according to a regulatory filing on the Shanghai market. Jangho is a construction and design firm that works largely in the installation of curtain walls in large buildings, providing "facade solutions" in domestic and foreign markets.

Jangho said, in the filing, that it was intending to broaden its business offering with the Vision Eye stake.

Primary has sold its stake in the Vision stock after a recent surge in the share price.

Vision Eye Institute on Tuesday saw its shares rally after flagging better-than-expected earnings for the 2015 financial year. The stock jumped 6.9 per cent to 78c. The stock closed yesterday at 82c.

Earlier this month, hospital operator Pulse Health made a scrip-based bid for Vision, valuing the company at \$162m. But Vision chairman Shane Tanner has raised concerns over Pulse's high gearing ratio following a string of recent acquisitions and noted the bid did not include a cash component.

Vision Eye Institute today said it welcomed Jangho as a new shareholder and was seeking a meeting to discuss its long-term intentions.

The board reiterated its advice to shareholders that they do nothing in regards to Pulse Health's "materially inadequate and opportunistic all-share takeover for Vision".

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