## Medical use parcel assembled for \$7m

A PRIME corner holding in Southport's medical precinct is tagged for redevelopment down the track after being assembled in two offmarket deals worth more than \$7 million.

The transactions have placed a 2709sqm holding at the corner of Nerang and Cougal streets, and positioned directly opposite Gold Coast Hospital, under the control of Singaporean interests.

State Government records show that company GJ Lim bought 129 Nerang Street, which houses the Southport Specialist Centre, for an outlay of \$1.4 million in July.

The seller was Christopher Holst who acquired the property in April, 2000, for \$510,000.

It is understood that the company has since paid about \$6 million to acquire the adjoining corner parcel, at 127 Nerang Street.

That property houses the Gold Coast Specialist Medical Centre.

It has been sold by the Hill family of Mudgeeraba, which had held the property since 1987 when it was bought for \$936,000.

The Gold Coast Specialist Medical Centre is fully leased, has a net lettable area of around 1215sqm and returns a net income of \$338,000.

Southport Specialist Centre is also fully leased with 437sqm of floorspace returning \$98,000 gross a year.

For redevelopment purposes, the assembled parcel can accommodate a building with seven storeys as of right.

Under the Gold Coast City
Council planning scheme for the
Southport medical precinct, the
property can be developed at a
maximum density of one bedroom per
33sqm of net site area.

The scheme calls for uses that are complementary to the nearby hospital. However non-medical uses, such as apartments, can be integrated within buildings as long as there are medical uses at ground level.

Agent Ken Clark, of National Commercial Realty, handled both deals but was unable to disclose the selling price.

Mr Clark said the buyer intended to take advantage of the holding income the properties provided and to redevelop the adjoining sites in the longer term.



129-127 Nerang Street . . . acquired by Singapore interests for redevelopment down the track

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