

WOOLWORTHS LIMITED

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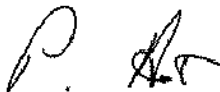
The Manager, Companies
Australian Stock Exchange
Company Announcements Office
Level 4
20 Bridge Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Sir,

RE: WOOLWORTHS LIMITED

Please find attached Press Release pertaining to the completion by ALH Group Pty Ltd of the
Taverner Hotel Group Pty Ltd

For and on behalf of
WOOLWORTHS LIMITED

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Horton', is written over the printed name of Peter J. Horton.

PETER J. HORTON
COMPANY SECRETARY

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***** NEWS RELEASE *****

ALH Group Pty Ltd Completes Acquisition of Taverner Hotel Group Pty Ltd

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The CEO of Woolworths and Chairman of ALH Group (previously Bruandwo Pty Ltd), Mr Roger Corbett, advised of the completion today of the acquisition of the Taverner Hotel Group.

"Taverner operates 33 hotels and 28 retail liquor outlets across Australia, which will bring the total ALH Group operations to 243 hotels and 423 retail liquor stores.

"We expect to be able to achieve volume and efficiency benefits from the consolidation of the Taverner operations with the ALH Group over the short to medium term in relation to both the hotel and retail liquor operations. These benefits will be passed on to our customers and shareholders," Mr Corbett said.

"This represents a strategic acquisition for ALH Group which has placed it in a strong position for future benefits to its two shareholders (Woolworths Ltd. - 75% and Bruce Mathieson Group - 25%)" Mr. Corbett said.

