

## AHG EXCHANGES CONTRACTS ON BRADSTREET DEALERSHIPS

9 June 2014

Automotive Holdings Group Limited (ASX: AHE) is pleased to announce that it has entered into formal contracts to acquire Bradstreet Motor Group.

AHG announced in March 2014 that it had entered into a heads of agreement to acquire Bradstreet Motor Group, which comprises 13 automotive franchises at seven locations in and around Newcastle, New South Wales and represents seven manufacturers – Toyota, Mazda, Holden, Nissan, Kia, Subaru and Great Wall. In FY13, Bradstreet Motor Group generated revenue of \$449 million and net profit before tax of \$14 million.

AHG managing director Bronte Howson describes the acquisition as significant.

"This is a strategic addition to our NSW dealership network. The dealerships operate from well-maintained properties on long-term leases under an experienced management team led by Paul Tomkin (CEO) and Anthony Hardy (COO)," said Mr Howson. "They also complement our established Newcastle truck hub, giving AHG a very strong presence in the Newcastle region."

The addition of the Bradstreet Group dealerships will take AHG's network to 169 franchises at 96 dealership locations in Australia and New Zealand. The acquisition is expected to be completed late this month and remains subject to customary conditions.

AHG is Australia's largest automotive retailer by sales volume and last month confirmed its position as Australia's largest provider of refrigerated transport and cold storage when it completed the acquisition of Scott's Refrigerated Freightways and JAT Refrigerated Road Services.

**ENDS** 

**About AHG** Automotive Holdings Group Limited (ASX: AHE) is a diversified automotive retailing and logistics group with operations in every Australian mainland state and in New Zealand. The Company is Australia's largest automotive retailer, with operations in Western Australia, New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria.

AHG's logistics businesses operate throughout Australia via subsidiaries Rand Transport, Harris Refrigerated Transport, Scott's Refrigerated Freightways and JAT Refrigerated Road Services (transport and cold storage), AMCAP and Covs (motor parts and industrial supplies distribution), VSE (vehicle storage and engineering), Genuine Truck Bodies (body building services to the truck industry), and KTM Sportmotorcycles and HQVA (KTM and Husqvarna motorcycle importation and distribution in Australia and New Zealand).

Corporate:

David Rowland
Company Secretary
Mobile: 0421 661 613
Email: drowland@ahg.com.au

Media:

David Christison
Group Executive Corporate Communications

Mobile: 0418 959 817 Email: dchristison@ahg.com.au