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## **ASX / MEDIA STATEMENT**

## **DEALERSHIP ACQUISITIONS**

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Automotive Holdings Group (ASX: AHG) is pleased to announce it has reached agreement in principle to acquire the Ford and Mitsubishi dealerships at the Essendon Fields automotive precinct near Melbourne.

AHG is also developing a new Jaguar and Land Rover dealership on a greenfield site at Essendon Fields.

AHG managing director John McConnell said the transaction represented a valuable addition to the Company's presence in the Victorian capital.

"The Essendon Fields precinct is a well-recognised retail automotive location and these acquisitions add to our presence in Melbourne," said Mr McConnell.

The existing dealerships are expected to be immediately earnings accretive.

"We expect to drive both incremental revenue and cost synergies across the two dealerships," said Mr McConnell. "The transaction is firmly in line with our ongoing automotive aggregation strategy and an excellent opportunity to secure dealerships that can be integrated into an AHG retail hub."

The Essendon Ford and Mitsubishi acquisition involves a total consideration of \$8.5-million for goodwill, plus stock and assets at valuation. It is subject to customary conditions, including manufacturer approvals, and is expected to settle in May.

Subject to completion, AHG will hold 184 automotive franchises at 111 dealership locations in Australia and New Zealand.

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**About AHG** Automotive Holdings Group Limited (ASX: AHG) 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 (motor parts and industrial supplies distribution), VSE (vehicle storage and engineering), Genuine Truck Bodies (body building services to the truck industry), Higer Bus (bus and truck importation and distribution), and KTM Sportmotorcycles and HQVA (KTM and Husqvarna motorcycle importation and distribution in Australia and New Zealand).

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