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Christchurch stores recommence trading following earthquake

Due to the Christchurch earthquake, The Warehouse Group's eight Christchurch Warehouse stores, its South Island Distribution Centre and four Warehouse Stationery stores were closed on Saturday 4 September 2010 to enable structural engineers to inspect the sites to ensure they are structurally sound and that conditions are suitable for trading.

Stores have progressively recommenced trading following these inspections. All Warehouse and Warehouse Stationery stores will be trading today.

The South Island Distribution Centre has not experienced any significant damage. Normal operations are expected to resume during the week. Alternative arrangements for the supply of goods to Warehouse stores in the South Island in the mean time have been implemented.

The Warehouse Group appreciates the team spirit of those in the affected area who, despite difficult circumstances, have worked hard to ensure that stores have been able to recommence trading for our customers as soon as possible.

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