

COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT

THURSDAY, 10 OCTOBER 2005

FAL SCHEMES EFFECTIVE

The schemes of arrangement for the demerger of Foodland Associated Limited's ("FAL") Australian and New Zealand businesses ("Demerger Scheme") and the transfer of those businesses ("Transfer Scheme") to Woolworths Limited ("Woolworths") and Metcash Trading Limited became effective today.

FAL shares will cease trading on the Australian Stock Exchange ("ASX") at the close of trade today.

The last time for receipt of election forms in relation to the various consideration options available to shareholders under the Transfer Scheme is 7.00pm Perth time today. As set out in the Scheme Booklet, shareholders who do not submit an election form by this time will automatically receive Metcash Cash Consideration and Woolworths Standard Consideration. To receive an election form, please call the FAL Shareholder Information Line on 1800 068 729 (within Australia) or +61 3 9415 4125 (outside Australia) between 9.00am and 7.00pm AEST. Once completed, election forms should be faxed to FAL's Share Registry on 08 9323 2033 (within Australia) or +61 8 9323 2033 (outside Australia) up to 7.00pm Perth time today.

Cheques for the cash consideration will be despatched by Woolworths and Metcash on 1 December 2005. Holding statements for Woolworths shares and/or Metcash shares will be despatched by Woolworths and Metcash no later than 29 November 2005. The shares to be issued by Woolworths and Metcash by way of consideration under the Transfer Scheme will commence trading on the ASX on 1 December 2005.

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