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PRESS RELEASE

SPAR Launches New Distribution Centre in Sydney

SPAR Australia is proud to announce the launch of their new Distribution Centre in Sydney. For months SPAR Australia has been working aggressively to secure a premier facility in Sydney to provide a solution to improve the service SPAR Australia provides our customers in NSW & ACT. Both existing and future SPAR Australia customers will benefit from the greater logistic efficiencies for Retailers.

Previously all stock had been sourced from SPAR Australia's Distribution Centre in Queensland, but now the Sydney facility will allow efficient cross docking of goods from Queensland as well as the ability to pick pack up to 1,000 SKUs of Grocery, General Merchandise, Perishable and Produce items. The facility is capable of handling 80% of SPAR Australia's current Retailer volume and with cross docking the tail, this will deliver a cheaper cost to serve NSW & ACT Independent Retailers.

Having successfully responded to the largest issue facing potential SPAR Australia customers in NSW & ACT, this exciting development will ensure SPAR Australia's longevity throughout these regions and give all Independent Retailers a truly viable and beneficial option for supply of goods in Australia's tough FMCG market.

The new facility has direct access to the M4 and is in close proximity to the M5, giving it easy access to Sydney's main arterials.

Grant Gearing, SPAR Australia's National Logistics Manager said "This will deliver a service that will take us into the next stage of supply chain logistics. The facility we have acquired is brand new and has not only enhanced our service in cross-docking but will deliver the important ability to pick pack key lines".

Operations commenced on 29th August and as of the first order, the lead time to Sydney stores was cut by 6 hours, Regional NSW by 8 hours and ACT stores by a massive 24 hours.

Since December 2010 SPAR Australia has converted 17 Metcash supplied stores to the group and has welcomed another 10 independent retailers to the group. SPAR's business principal of supporting independent retailers through the motto of "family business helping family

businesses” is one of the key reasons why Independent Retailers are joining the SPAR Australia family.

Since becoming Managing Director of SPAR Australia in December 2010, Lou Jardin has vowed to continue to provide competition at the wholesale level, ensuring independent Retailers are able to source deals that allow them to compete in the market and ensure the survival of family businesses in the grocery industry.

Over 15,160 SPAR stores across 34 countries meet the needs of over 9 million customers daily. This new facility will assist SPAR Australia in continuing to add to the impressive numbers in the SPAR International family. At SPAR customers can be assured of great service, a great range, low prices every day and specials that SAVE SPAR customers money!

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