



AUTOMOTIVE HOLDINGS GROUP

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FORD TO CLOSE AUSTRALIAN MANUFACTURING IN 2016

Automotive Holdings Group (ASX:AHE) advises shareholders that the decision announced by Ford Australia today to end local production in Victoria is not expected to have any material impact on the Company's business.

AHG managing director Bronte Howson said he had spoken with Ford Australia president and CEO Bob Graziano and was confident the manufacturer's range would remain an important part of the Australian market.

"We have been anticipating this announcement for some time," said Mr Howson.

"Ford remains a leading global manufacturer with a strong range of vehicles and we are confident they will continue to be an important part of AHG's broad product range."

AHG has a strong portfolio of diversified brands with 147 franchises across Australia and New Zealand. The Group represents 12 of the top 13 manufacturers in Australia.

The Group's Ford dealerships comprise Jeff Wignall Ford and Coffey Ford in Victoria, Lynford, Nuford, Seaview Ford, Titan Ford and Challenger Ford in Western Australia, and John Andrew Ford and North Harbour Ford in Auckland.

"We are confident our Ford dealerships will continue to play an important role in AHG's operations," said Mr Howson.

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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 and Harris Refrigerated Transport (transport and cold storage), AMCAP and Cova (motor parts and industrial supplies distribution), VSE (vehicle storage and engineering), Genuine Truck Bodies (body building services to the truck industry), and KTM Sportmotorcycles (motorcycle importation and distribution in Australia and New Zealand).

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