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METCASH ACQUISITION OF SCANNING SYSTEMS AUSTRALIA - ACCC NOT TO OPPOSE

Australia's grocery, liquor and hardware marketer and wholesaler, Metcash Trading Limited (Metcash), is pleased by today's ACCC announcement not to oppose its acquisition of SSA Holdings Pty Ltd (trading as Scanning Systems Australia or SSA).

After consulting widely with competitors, retailers and other industry stakeholders, the ACCC formed the view that the acquisition was unlikely to substantially lessen competition in the relevant markets.

SSA provides advanced point of sale systems to independent retailers in the grocery, liquor, hardware, fuel and convenience sectors. Metcash will acquire all Australian operations of SSA and will now expedite completion of the transaction.

The Managing Director of SSA, Mr David Hagen said "I am thrilled by this outcome and supremely confident that Metcash will continue to build on the strengths of SSA's Profit Track product suite".

Metcash Chief Executive, Mr Andrew Reitzer, said "Together with our customers we operate in a very competitive environment. This acquisition will enhance Metcash's ability to provide market leading solutions to our retailers that further assist the independent sector to compete against the chains".

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