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**AUSTRALIAN LIQUOR MARKETERS ANNOUNCES LONG-ANTICIPATED
CESSATION OF WOOLWORTHS' QUEENSLAND LIQUOR SUPPLY CONTRACT**

Metcash Limited (Metcash) today announced that its liquor division, Australian Liquor Marketers (ALM), will cease supplying Woolworths Limited (Woolworths) subsidiary ALH Group Pty Ltd's liquor requirements in Queensland when its existing supply contract ends on 30 June 2010. This action reflects Woolworths' long anticipated commissioning of a distribution centre in Queensland to service its own supply requirements.

The cessation of this supply contract represents a projected sales loss in the 2011 financial year of approximately \$420 million and an associated impact on Metcash's earnings per share of 0.77 cents per share.

Chief Executive of Metcash, Mr Andrew Reitzer, said "We have made no secret of the fact that Woolworths would eventually look to service its Queensland liquor business via its own distribution solution. While the loss of the Woolworths volume will have a financial impact on the ALM business and Metcash Group in our 2011 financial year, we have already commenced strategic initiatives to replace some of the lost volume and reduce costs accordingly."

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