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ASX Announcement

Further liquor industry consolidation as Metcash buys Duncan's

Metcash today announced the Company had entered into an agreement to purchase Southern Independent Liquor Group (SILG) which trades under the Duncan's and OzLiquor banners.

SILG operates in Victoria and Tasmania with over 100 Duncan's and OzLiquor branded retail outlets also has over 400 wholesale customers.

Ian Morrice, Group CEO of Metcash, said: "The purchase of SILG would strengthen Metcash's presence in these states. The Duncan's stores are well placed and we believe that as part of Metcash's ALM portfolio, sales can be increased as they become part of the Group's established marketing programs."

We will also be able to leverage SILG customers and retail outlets which will be serviced from the ALM distribution centres in Victoria and Tasmania.

This acquisition follows the recent successful transition of Steve's Liquor Group to Metcash's BottleO network.

Frank Kraps, Chairman of SILG said: "Both SILG and ALM are focused on growing independent strength and we view the asset sale as a positive step toward building a stronger and more robust independent liquor retail sector.

An Extraordinary General Meeting of SILG shareholders is to be held in March to obtain approval of the Asset Sale Agreement."

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