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The Manager Company Announcements Office Australian Securities Exchange Level 4 20 Bridge Street SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Sir,

HOLDING IN COLES GROUP LIMITED

Attached is an announcement by a shareholder of Coles Group Limited which we are releasing as it is relevant to our proposal to acquire Coles.

This means that Wesfarmers now has voting power over 12.8 per cent of Coles' shares and a relevant interest in 144.6 million shares.

Yours faithfully,

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HEDLEY GROUP SUPPORTS WESFARMERS CONSORTIUM'S PROPOSAL TO ACQUIRE COLES

Hedley Group today announced that it has agreed to support the Wesfarmers Consortium's proposal to acquire Coles.

Under the terms of the agreement, Hedley Group has committed to vote its 17.9 million Coles shares (1.5% of Coles' issued shares) in favour of the proposed Wesfarmers scheme of arrangement. Hedley Group has also committed to maintain its Coles stake and pending the outcome of the Wesfarmers proposal and has agreed not to support any rival proposal.

Managing Director Tom Hedley said:

"We are very pleased with the Wesfarmers Consortium's proposal, particularly as it gives existing Coles shareholders the opportunity to continue their investment in Coles' businesses through the scrip component of the proposal."

"As the Coles Board has noted, Coles has a set of unique and valuable businesses. We congratulate the Coles Board on achieving the outcome to date and we look forward to continuing our strong relationship with the Coles businesses."