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COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT

Farsons Acquires Wholesale & Retail Operation

Simonds Farsons Cisk plc announced today they it has signed an Agreement with Mr Guido Vella for the acquisition of Guido Vella Cash & Carry.

The acquisition involves the transfer of Mr Vella's business as a going concern but will be managed as a separate entity to the other Group subsidiary companies.

After having examined in detail the notification submitted by Simonds Farsons Cisk plc, the Office of Fair Trading, in its decision dated 11th November 2003, declared that although the concentration falls within the scope of Regulation 6 (1) (ii) of Regulations on Control of Concentrations, 2002 (LN 294 of 2002), the concentration does not raise serious doubts about its lawfulness; and it has therefore decided not to oppose it and declared it to be a lawful concentration.

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Anthony J. Tabone
Company Secretary

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