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MORTON'S RESTAURANT GROUP, INC.

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MORTON'S RESTAURANT GROUP RESPONDS TO ICAHN OFFER.

New Hyde Park, NY.... Morton's Restaurant Group, Inc. (NYSE:MRG) today announced that, based on the recommendation of its Special Committee, the Board of Directors had determined that it is necessary to terminate the Castle Harlan merger agreement and enter into the proposed \$15.00 per share merger agreement with Carl Icahn in order to comply with the Board's fiduciary duties under applicable law. Pursuant to the terms of the Castle Harlan merger agreement, Morton's so notified Castle Harlan on June 21, 2002, but may not terminate the Castle Harlan merger agreement until five business days after notice was provided. Morton's is required by the terms of the Castle Harlan merger agreement to cooperate fully with Castle Harlan during these five business days with the intent of the parties agreeing on modifications to the Castle Harlan merger agreement. If, at the end of the five business day

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period, the proposed Icahn merger agreement continues to be superior to the Castle Harlan merger agreement, then Morton's will terminate the Castle Harlan merger agreement and enter into the proposed Icahn merger agreement.

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EXCEPT FOR THE HISTORICAL INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS NEWS RELEASE, THE MATTERS ADDRESSED ARE FORWARD - LOOKING STATEMENTS THAT INVOLVE CERTAIN RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, GENERAL ECONOMIC CONDITIONS, COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES, THE COMPANY'S EXPANSION PLANS AND RESTAURANT PROFITABILITY LEVELS AND OTHER MATTERS IDENTIFIED FROM TIME TO TIME IN THE COMPANY'S PUBLIC REPORTS AND SEC FILINGS. ACTUAL RESULTS MAY VARY.

ADDITIONALLY, THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS THAT INVOLVE RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES RELATING TO THE PROPOSED MERGER AND OTHER FUTURE EVENTS, INCLUDING WHETHER AND WHEN THE PROPOSED MERGER WILL BE CONSUMMATED. A VARIETY OF FACTORS COULD CAUSE ACTUAL EVENTS OR RESULTS TO DIFFER MATERIALLY FROM THOSE EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED BY THE FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS. THESE FACTORS INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, RISKS THAT STOCKHOLDER APPROVAL AND REGULATORY AND THIRD PARTY CLEARANCES MAY NOT BE OBTAINED IN A TIMELY MANNER OR AT ALL, THAT AN ORDER OR INJUNCTION MAY BE IMPOSED PROHIBITING OR DELAYING THE MERGER AND THAT ANY OTHER CONDITIONS TO THE MERGER MAY NOT BE SATISFIED OR WAIVED. THE COMPANY ASSUMES NO OBLIGATION TO UPDATE THE FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION.

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