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**MERITAGE REPORTS ACQUISITION OF 4 ADDITIONAL WENDY'S RESTAURANTS
LOCATED IN MICHIGAN**

GRAND RAPIDS, Michigan, April 13, 2017. Meritage Hospitality Group Inc. (OTCQX: MHGU), one of the nation's premier restaurant operators, today announced it has acquired 4 Wendy's restaurants located in the state of Michigan.

Chief Executive Officer Robert Schermer, Jr., stated, "We are delighted to have the opportunity to expand our existing Wendy's footprint in Michigan with this group of seasoned restaurants located in Interlochen, Ludington, Manistee and Traverse City. We intend to integrate each of the newly acquired locations into our unique web-based operating & accounting platform, followed by a remodeling program to update the restaurants and enhance the guest experience."

The Company also has a definitive agreement pending to acquire 57 Wendy's restaurants located in four Mid-Atlantic states. The 57 restaurant transaction is scheduled to be completed during the second quarter of 2017. The Company estimates the combined 69 restaurants acquired in the first half of 2017 will add approximately \$90 million in annual sales and be accretive to earnings.

Company 2017 Outlook: Robust Earnings Growth Ahead

The Company's 2017 financial targets will be updated during the second quarter to reflect the impact of the 69 acquired restaurants, which we anticipate will be accretive to earnings and accelerate the Company's five-year plan.

Meritage Hospitality Group is one of the nation's premier restaurant operators, with 193 restaurants in operation located in Florida, Georgia, Michigan, North Carolina, South Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma and Virginia. Meritage is headquartered in Grand Rapids, Michigan, operating with a workforce of approximately 6,400 employees. The Company has approximately 6.0 million (basic) common shares outstanding. The Company's public filings can be viewed at www.otcqx.com, under the stock symbol MHGU, or the Company's website www.meritagehospitality.com.

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