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Heineken's Karel Vuursteen joins Ahold Supervisory Board

Ahold stockholders adopt financial statements, dividend

Zaandam, The Netherlands, May 7, 2002 – Ahold, the international food retailer and foodservice operator, welcomed almost 1,000 stockholders representing approximately 406 million common shares to its Annual General Meeting in The Hague.

Financial statements, final dividend and agenda points all adopted

Stockholders adopted Ahold's financial statements and the company's 2001 final dividend proposal.

Stockholders can elect to receive the final dividend of Euro 0.51 (2000: Euro 0.45) per common share of Euro 0.25 par value in cash or in the form of a 2% pay-out in common shares. The dividend will be made payable as of May 17, 2002. The total dividend for 2001, including the interim dividend of Euro 0.22 (2000: Euro 0.18) made payable in September 2001, amounts to Euro 0.73 (2000: Euro 0.63) per common share.

Stockholders also adopted all other proposals on the agenda, including the appointment to the Supervisory Board of Karel Vuursteen, former Chairman of the Executive Board of Heineken N.V.

Ahold is a multi-local food retail and foodservice company serving 40 million customers in 28 countries with 2001 consolidated net sales of Euro 66.6 billion.

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