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Ahold clarification

Zaandam, The Netherlands, May 9, 2003 - Ahold wishes to make clear that the internal legal investigation into accounting irregularities at U.S. Foodservice, as stated in its announcement of May 8, 2003, is continuing in close co-operation with PricewaterhouseCoopers' forensic accounting work. Statements that the investigation has concluded and that only two executives of U.S. Foodservice were responsible for these accounting irregularities are inaccurate. The investigation continues to probe the possible involvement by U.S. Foodservice personnel other than the two individuals identified so far.

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