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Ahold cooperates with Dutch Public Prosecutor

Zaandam, The Netherlands, July 7, 2003 – Ahold announced today that the Public Prosecutor in Amsterdam is conducting a criminal investigation regarding Ahold.

In the course of this investigation, a search has been conducted in Ahold's corporate headquarters in Zaandam on July 5, 2003.

Ahold has given its full cooperation to this investigation and is cooperating fully with the Dutch Public Prosecutor, as it has been doing and will continue to do with the US Securities and Exchange Commission and the US Department of Justice in connection with their ongoing investigations.

Ahold deems it inappropriate to give any further information concerning these investigations while their outcomes are pending.

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