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MORTON'S RESTAURANT GROUP AND CASTLE HARLAN AMEND MERGER AGREEMENT TO INCREASE
MERGER CONSIDERATION TO \$15.00 PER SHARE AND REDUCE CONDITIONS.

New Hyde Park, NY.... Morton's Restaurant Group, Inc. (NYSE:MRG) today announced that its merger agreement with Castle Harlan had been amended to increase the merger consideration to \$15.00 per share and to remove the closing condition that would have otherwise required Morton's to obtain prior to closing all authorizations necessary to maintain liquor licenses following consummation of the merger. The amendment also modified the condition requiring governmental and third party consents to the merger so that only material consents will be required. On June 21, 2002, as required under the Castle Harlan merger agreement, Morton's notified Castle Harlan that Morton's had determined to accept the revised offer received from Carl Icahn to purchase Morton's at \$15.00 per share and to modify the closing conditions so that only material liquor license authorizations and governmental and third party consents would be required. Under the Castle Harlan merger agreement, Castle Harlan had five business days to propose an amendment to its merger agreement so that the proposed Icahn merger agreement would no longer be superior. On June 28, 2002, Castle Harlan submitted to Morton's its proposed amendment to the merger

agreement. Morton's Special Committee and Board of Directors determined that the Icahn offer no longer constituted a superior proposal and, accordingly, approved the amendment to the Castle Harlan merger agreement, which was then executed.

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Completion of the merger is subject to various closing conditions including, but not limited to, approval of Morton's stockholders and receipt of material third party consents.

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