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INSTITUTIONAL SHAREHOLDER SERVICES RECOMMENDS THAT

MORTON'S STOCKHOLDERS VOTE IN FAVOR OF CASTLE HARLAN OFFER

NEW HYDE PARK, NY.... Morton's Restaurant Group (NYSE: MRG) announced that Institutional Shareholder Services (ISS) -- the nation's leading independent proxy voting advisory firm -- today reaffirmed its recommendation that Morton's stockholders vote in favor of the Company's merger agreement with Castle Harlan.

Following a review of the facts surrounding Morton's thorough sale process, ISS concluded that, "Based on the market premium, the fairness opinion, and the board's process in evaluating and responding to all offers, we believe the merger agreement warrants shareholder support."

"We are very pleased with the ISS recommendation," said Allen J. Bernstein, Morton's Chief Executive Officer. "We are particularly gratified that ISS recognized that the Board's process in evaluating and responding to all offers is an element that warrants stockholder support for the merger," Mr. Bernstein continued. "We are pleased that the open, fair and thorough process conducted by our Special Committee and Board of Directors has resulted in a \$17.00 per share cash offer for our stockholders. We look forward to the vote on the amended merger agreement with Castle Harlan on July 23 at our Special Meeting."

The Company also announced that it has received all third party consents necessary to complete the merger with Castle Harlan if stockholder approval is received at the Special Meeting of stockholders scheduled for July 23, 2002.

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ADDITIONALLY, THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS THAT INVOLVE RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES RELATING TO THE PROPOSED MERGER AND OTHER FUTURE EVENTS, INCLUDING WHETHER AND WHEN THE PROPOSED MERGER WILL BE CONSUMMATED. A VARIETY OF FACTORS COULD CAUSE ACTUAL EVENTS OR RESULTS TO DIFFER MATERIALLY FROM THOSE EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED BY THE FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS. THESE FACTORS INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, RISKS THAT STOCKHOLDER APPROVAL MAY NOT BE OBTAINED IN A TIMELY MANNER OR AT ALL, THAT AN ORDER OR INJUNCTION MAY BE IMPOSED PROHIBITING OR DELAYING THE MERGER AND THAT ANY OTHER CONDITIONS TO THE MERGER MAY NOT BE SATISFIED OR WAIVED. THE COMPANY ASSUMES NO OBLIGATION TO UPDATE THE FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION.

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