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**MERITAGE REPORTS ACQUISITION OF ATLANTA WENDY'S RESTAURANTS**

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GRAND RAPIDS, Michigan, April 7, 2011. Meritage Hospitality Group Inc. (OTCQX: MHGU), North America's premier franchise operator, today announced the acquisition of eight additional Wendy's restaurants located in the greater Atlanta, GA designated market area.

Meritage continues to invest in the long-term fundamentals of the Wendy's restaurant brand and remains committed to the expansion of its web-based restaurant operating platform. The company now owns and operates Wendy's restaurants in three North American markets: Atlanta, Georgia; Grand Rapids, Michigan; and Jacksonville, Florida.

"The expansion, re-imaging and modernization of Wendy's restaurants are a hallmark of our growth strategy. We welcome the more than 240 new Atlanta-based employees to the Meritage family," stated Robert E. Schermer, Jr., CEO of Meritage Hospitality Group Inc.

The Company plans to implement a major capital improvement plan in the Wendy's locations, including the extensive interior and exterior re-imaging of the Wendy's restaurants and installation of the Company's comprehensive restaurant back-of-house operating and accounting systems. The Atlanta Wendy's restaurant locations will add approximately \$8.0 million in annual sales and are forecast to be accretive to earnings, after closing costs, in the first full year of operations.

Meritage Hospitality Group currently owns and operates 87 restaurants in North America and remains focused on executing its five year plan, which targets expanding the core restaurant operating platform to 150 units located in existing and new designated market areas. Headquartered in Grand Rapids, Michigan, Meritage operates with approximately 2,580 employees.

The company is listed on the OTC Markets under the stock symbol MHGU.

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