

MERITAGE HOSPITALITY GROUP ANNOUNCES RESULTS OF 2011 ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

GRAND RAPIDS, Michigan, May 17, 2011. Meritage Hospitality Group Inc. (OTCQX: MHGU), the nation's premier franchise operator, today announced results of its 2011 Annual Shareholders' Meeting held on May 17 in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The Company's shareholders voted to elect seven directors: James P. Bishop, Charles E. Chamberlain, Jr., Duane F. Kluting, Joseph L. Maggini, Robert E. Schermer, Sr., Robert E. Schermer, Jr. and Peter D. Wierenga to the Board of Directors. Each director will serve until the 2012 Annual Shareholders' Meeting.

Robert E. Schermer, Jr., Chief Executive Officer of Meritage Hospitality Group Inc., stated, "On behalf of the entire Board of Directors and management team, we wish to thank our shareholders for their continued confidence and positive support. The Company is experiencing a significant sales and earnings growth cycle. We continue to execute our plans for restaurant margin improvement, growth and diversification and look forward to communicating our continued progress in 2011."

Meritage Hospitality Group Inc. is one of the nation's premier hospitality operators, currently operating 87 restaurants in the QSR and casual dining segments. Meritage employs approximately 2,600 people in its hospitality operations.

SAFE HARBOR STATEMENT

Certain information in this new release, particularly information regarding future economic performance and finances, and plans, expectations and objectives of management, constitutes forward-looking statements. Factors set forth in our Safe Harbor Statement, in addition to other possible factors not listed, could affect the Company's actual results and cause such results to differ materially from those expressed in forward-looking statements. Please review the Company's Safe Harbor Statement at <http://www.meritagehospitality.com>.