



## Media Release

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### **TOLL TO MANAGE STATE-OF-THE-ART WAREHOUSE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MARS WRIGLEY IN AUSTRALIA**

- *State-of-the-art facility with capacity to house more than 733 million MARS® Bars under one roof*
- *New partnership to unlock greater efficiencies and service enhancements for retail customers*
- *West Melbourne logistics hub will be home to one of the most advanced warehouses in Australia*

Mars Wrigley Australia today announces a seven-year partnership with Toll Group and Charter Hall to construct and manage a state-of-the-art warehouse in Truganina, West Melbourne.

For the first time in company's more than 100-year history in Australia, the new Truganina warehouse will store all of Mars Wrigley's products under one roof and deliver greater efficiencies and service improvements to customers across the country. The new warehouse will have the capacity to house up to 49,000 pallets at any given time - enough space to store 733,824,000 MARS® Bars.

Mars Wrigley's current warehouse services more than 56 truckloads of Australia's favourite confections, such as MARS®, M&Ms®, SNICKERS®, SKITTLES® and EXTRA®, a day, and the new warehouse will help streamline this process.

The temperature-controlled warehouse, which is expected to become operational in late 2020, will be technologically advanced, with AGVs (Automated Guide Vehicles) planned to assist workers move pallets around the warehouse.

Marius Vermeulen, Supply Chain Director at Mars Wrigley Australia said: "It's an exciting project for our business and one that's been several years in the making. This will be one of the most advanced warehouses in Australia, with Automated Guide Vehicles assisting our workers to increase warehouse flow, improve racking, and reduce handling - creating a safer working environment.

"We're looking forward to realising the benefits this new facility will deliver to our customers, our business and consumers through an enhanced customer service offering that will allow us to continue to share our much-loved brands with Aussie consumers today, tomorrow, and into the future," Mr Vermeulen said.

Jason Bush, Toll Group's Executive General Manager Retail, Consumer and Healthcare said: "We are proud of our long-term relationship with Mars, designing and building this new state-of-the-art facility with them is testament to our partnership. The warehouse will provide a strong customised solution for their products and support their vision to deliver exceptional customer service."

Charter Hall Head of Industrial Development, Andrew Simons, said: "We are delighted to continue to build on our long-standing national relationship with Toll and welcome them to our Midwest Logistics Hub in Truganina. "The 44,000sqm temperature-controlled facility is our first pre-commit within the 60ha Estate and will allow Toll to service their Mars Wrigley fulfilment contract."

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