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## **DAIRY FARM ANNOUNCES SALE AND LEASEBACK OF PROPERTIES IN MALAYSIA**

7th October 2005 – Dairy Farm International Holdings Limited today announced that its wholly-owned subsidiary, Giant TMC Bhd ('Giant'), had entered into an agreement to sell all of its shares in its property-owning subsidiary, Hartanah Progresif Sdn Bhd ('HPSB'), to the Employees Provident Fund Board of Malaysia. The sale, which includes assumption of debt in HPSB, is for a cash consideration of RM382 million (US\$101 million).

HPSB holds all of Giant's owned properties, comprising four hypermarkets, four supermarkets, 42 small shop lots and hostels, and three vacant land sites. Giant has entered into long-term leases for the major properties, commencing immediately upon completion of the sale of HPSB. Under the leases, Giant will continue to manage the properties, and will remain responsible for sub-letting the hypermarket complex premises.

The sale, which is subject to regulatory approval, will create a loss on disposal for Dairy Farm of approximately US\$4 million after stamp duty and transaction costs, based on the carrying value of the properties of RM380 million (US\$101 million). Completion of the sale is expected to take place before year end, and Dairy Farm will use the proceeds for debt reduction and general corporate purposes.

Dairy Farm is a leading pan-Asian retailer. At 30th June 2005, the Group and its associates operated more than 3,000 outlets – including supermarkets, hypermarkets, health and beauty stores, convenience stores, home furnishings stores and restaurants; employed some 60,000 people in the region; and had 2004 total sales of US\$5.1 billion. Dairy Farm is a member of the Jardine Matheson Group.

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