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SAVE MART SUPERMARKETS CONFIRMS SALE OF ALBERTSON'S NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DIVISION

Modesto, CA (February 23, 2007) – Save Mart Supermarkets of Modesto, California confirmed this morning that the sale to acquire Albertson's LLC Northern California Division is final. The final sale includes 130 Albertson's stores in Northern California and Northern Nevada, the Roseville and Vacaville distribution centers, as well as the division office in Dublin, California. Save Mart's purchase will grow the chain to 254 retail stores and will employ over 23,000 associates.

Save Mart will gradually convert all the Albertson's stores over the next nine months. Until a store is converted to a Save Mart banner it will continue to operate as an Albertson's. Decisions regarding the store banners and store conversion schedule are still being reviewed and will be announced soon. All 13,000 Albertson's LLC Northern California associates are welcomed into the Save Mart family and those in bargaining agreements will maintain their seniority within their agreement as well as all non-bargaining associates.

"Today we begin the process of making the best privately owned, regional grocery chain in the country much larger and more efficient. I committed to this purchase because I knew collectively we had the talent, experience, and drive to get it done. We will work hard to implement the best practices of both companies, making our entire chain of stores a superior shopping experience for all our valued customers," states Bob Piccinini.

Leadership for the transfer and continued operations of the Albertson's stores will be the responsibility of Steve Junqueiro, Vice President of Save Mart Operations with oversight from Bob Spengler, President and COO, and Bob Piccinini, Chairman and CEO.

Donna Robbins, President of Albertson's Northern California Division LLC, has decided not to join Save Mart and we respect her decision to explore other opportunities. We are confident that there is a strong management team within the Albertson's division; the talent and experience they possess, along with the support of Save Mart, will carry it forward to even greater heights.

Save Mart Supermarkets, whose corporate headquarters are located in Modesto, California, currently operates 124 stores. Eighty (80) are full service supermarkets with seventy-five (75) stores operating under the banner Save Mart Supermarkets from Bakersfield in the South, throughout Central California Valley

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to Galt, San Jose, and the East Bay. Five (5) Stockton and Lodi full service stores operate under the S-MART foods banner.

Save Mart's forty-four (44) price impact stores operate under the Food Maxx banner and are located in Bakersfield in the South, throughout the Central California Valley to Redding in the North, and Santa Maria and Salinas on the coast.

Save Mart Supermarkets, an independently owned grocery chain, was founded January 17, 1952 in Modesto, California. Chairman and Chief Executive Officer is Bob Piccinini, son and nephew of the original founders. The President and Chief Operations Officer is Bob Spengler. Save Mart also owns and operates Yosemite Wholesale, a distribution center in Merced, SMART Refrigerated Transport trucking operation in Lathrop, and is a partner in Superstore Industries (SSI) located in Lathrop. SSI owns distribution centers and Sunnyside Farms manufacturing plants in Fairfield and Turlock.

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