



MERITAGE REPORTS EXPIRATION OF AGREEMENTS WITH FRANCHISOR AND LENDER

GRAND RAPIDS, Michigan, Monday, August 24, 2026. Meritage Hospitality Group Inc. (OTCQX: MHGU) today reported the termination, through expiration on their stated terms, of two agreements material to the Company: (1) the Second Amended and Restated Letter of Amendment with its Franchisor, Quality Is Our Recipe ("QIOR"), and (2) the Third Amendment to Forbearance Agreement with City National Bank, as administrative agent for the lenders party thereto (the "Lenders"). Both agreements expired on August 18, 2026, and, accordingly, QIOR and the Lenders are no longer prevented from taking actions in respect of events of default that may arise under the agreements.

As of the date of this release, the Company is in continued negotiations with QIOR and the Lenders to renew the terms of both agreements through October 2026. There can be no assurance as to the outcome or timing of the negotiations; however, the Company remains optimistic that it will reach renewal terms.

About the Company

Meritage Hospitality Group currently operates 314 restaurants located in Arkansas, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. Meritage is headquartered in Grand Rapids, Michigan, operating with a workforce of approximately 10,000 employees. As of June 28, 2026, the Company had fully diluted weighted average common shares outstanding of 6,720,000.

The Company's current and publicly available information pursuant to amended SEC Rule 15c2-11 and FINRA Rule 6432 can be found at www.otcm Markets.com, under the stock symbol MHGU/Disclosures or the Company's website, www.meritagehospitality.com.

Forward Looking Statements

Certain statements contained in this release and the reports we submit to the OTC, including this release, that are not historical facts constitute 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>.