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## H&M CONFIRMS OPENING DATE AT STOCKLAND TOWNSVILLE

Stockland Townsville is excited to announce that the eagerly anticipated global, fashion retailer, H&M will open its doors on Thursday 19 October.

The opening marks the continued regional expansion of H&M across Australia and will be their first store to open in Northern Queensland.

The new 2,500m2 square metre store will be located at the heart of the shopping centre and will offer customers an exciting array of on-trend fashion apparel, accessories and homewares at affordable prices.

John Schroder, Group Executive and CEO Commercial Property said: "We're thrilled to confirm the imminent arrival of H&M to Stockland Townsville, the first store for Northern Queensland.

"It's great to see this international fashion brand investing in regional Queensland and we're proud to be able to support H&M as they move into this market.

"H&M is a great addition to our already strong fashion offering at Stockland Townsville which includes the only full-line Myer in the region as well as 180 specialty stores. We look forward to continuing to draw the biggest and best brands to Stockland Townsville to maintain our lead as the number one shopping destination in the region."

The new H&M Townsville store is currently under construction at Stockland Townsville, which is 50 per cent owned by AMP Capital. This will be the second H&M in the Stockland portfolio after the flagship store at Glasshouse on Pitt Street Mall in Sydney opened in October 2015 (co-owned with Investa Commercial Property Fund). H&M at Stockland Rockhampton will follow soon after opening on 2 November.

H&M entered the Australian market in 2014 and now has 22 stores open across Australia and more than 4,500 stores in 68 markets worldwide.

Following the \$180 million redevelopment of the centre in 2012, Stockland continues to progress plans for a future Entertainment and Leisure Precinct at Stockland Townsville.

Stockland Townsville is located in the geographical heart of Townsville and houses the regions only full-line Myer department store along with Woolworths, Coles, Kmart, Big W, a 700 seat food court and 180 specialty stores.

### **About Stockland Townsville:**

- Stockland completed a \$180 million redevelopment in February 2012
- Increased the centre in size from 32,400sqm to 46,000sqm in the redeveloped centre and a total of 58,358sqm when combined with the adjacent shopping centre
- First Myer store in Townsville
- Woolworths, Big W, Rebel Sport, Best & Less, Terry White Chemmart Chemist,
   The Reject Shop and 180 speciality stores
- The centre is home to around 40 speciality fashion retailers including Peter Alexander, Mimco, Nike, Hype DC, Country Road, Universal Store, Footlocker, Bardot, Factorie, Portmans, Dotti, Forever New, Yd and Suna Shoes.
- 750-seat food court and an array of cafes and restaurants including Coffee Club, Jamaica Blue and Stella Rossa.
- Awarded 4 Star Green Star Retail Centre Design v1 by the Green Building Council of Australia

Visit <u>www.stockland.com.au/townsville</u> for more information on events and store information.

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#### About Stockland

Stockland (ASX: SGP) was founded in 1952 and has grown to become Australia's largest diversified property group – owning, developing and managing a large portfolio of shopping centres, residential communities, retirement living villages, office and industrial assets. Stockland was recognised by the S&P Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI) as the global real estate sector leader for 2016-17, demonstrating world leadership across the areas of corporate governance, stakeholder engagement, climate strategy, social integration and regeneration and corporate citizenship. Stockland has been identified as a global leader for its actions and strategies in response to climate change and has been awarded a position on the Climate A List by CDP and recognised as the Regional Sector Leader for Diversified Property Companies on the Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark (GRESB). Stockland has also been recognised as an Employer of Choice for Gender Equality by the Australian Government's Workplace Gender Equality Agency (WGEA) for last three consecutive years. <a href="https://www.stockland.com.au">www.stockland.com.au</a>