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### H&M CONFIRMS OPENING DATE AT STOCKLAND ROCKHAMPTON

Stockland Rockhampton is excited to announce that the eagerly anticipated global, fashion retailer, H&M will open its doors on Thursday 2 November.

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

The new 2,500m2 square metre store will be located in the heart of the shopping centre and will offer customers an exciting array of on-trend fashion apparel and accessories 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 Rockhampton, the first store for Central 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 Rockhampton and follows a long list of exciting new retail arrivals at Stockland Rockhampton this year including Harris Scarfe, Universal Store and Emma & Roe as well as Mimco and Peter Alexander opening before Christmas.

"We look forward to continuing to draw the biggest and best brands to Stockland Rockhampton with to maintain our lead as the number one shopping destination in the region."

Earlier this year, Stockland lodged plans for a \$45 million extension of Stockland Rockhampton Shopping Centre to form an integrated Entertainment and Leisure Precinct. If approved, the redevelopment will see Stockland expand the adjacent cinema complex, add 11 new food and specialty retailers and 15 new carparking spaces taking the total to over 2,800.

This follows the opening of 'The Terrace' in July last year - a \$6.6 million, 250-seat dining precinct offering customers an array of casual dining eateries.

John Schroder continues, "We're responding to our customers' feedback to ensure Stockland Rockhampton remains the retail destination of choice, offering a vibrant and inviting retail, entertainment and dining experience for our customers. Stockland is committed to the Rockhampton region and will continue to invest in the centre now and into the future."

The new H&M Rockhampton store is currently under construction at Stockland Rockhampton. This will be the third 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) and with H&M to open at Stockland Townsville on October 19.

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.

## **About Stockland Rockhampton**

- Stockland Rockhampton is the largest shopping centre between Maroochydore and Mackay
- Stockland has been a part of the thriving Rockhampton community for more than 12 years
- The centre includes Woolworths, Coles, Kmart, Big W, Harris Scarfe, 11 minimajor stores.
- The centre recently opened an all-weather casual dining precinct incorporating six food retailers including Guzman Y Gomez, Burger Urge and Max Brenner. The centre is home to more than 40 speciality fashion retailers including Universal Store, Emma & Roe

Visit <u>www.stockland.com.au/rockhampton</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>