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The International Brotherhood of Teamsters Ratify Agreements With Ralphs and Food 4 Less

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Associates of Ralphs and Food 4 Less/Foods Co., affiliates of The Kroger Co. (NYSE: KR), have ratified agreements with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Locals 63, 166, 495, 572, 630, 848 and 952.

The new agreements cover 2,700 Ralphs and Food 4 Less/Foods Co. employees working at four distribution centers, two manufacturing facilities and office operations in Southern California.

"These agreements provide our team members one of the best total compensation packages in our industry. It includes good wages, high-quality affordable health care and a pension when they retire," said Mike Donnelly, President of Ralphs.

"We look forward to continuing to provide quality jobs for our team members, serving our customers and supporting the communities where we operate," said Bryan Kaltenbach, President, Food 4 Less/Foods Co.

Ralphs and Food 4 Less are divisions of The Kroger Co., one of the nation's largest food retailers, based in Cincinnati, Ohio. Ralphs and Food 4 Less operate more than 400 supermarkets in California, Nevada, Illinois and Indiana under the Ralphs, Food 4 Less/Foods Co. banners from their headquarters in Los Angeles. For more information, please visit our websites at www.ralphs.com and www.food4less.com.

Kroger, the nation's largest traditional grocery retailer, employs more than 334,000 associates who serve customers in 2,468 supermarkets and multi-department stores in 31 states under two dozen local banner names including Kroger, City Market, Dillons, Jay C, Food 4 Less, Fred Meyer, Fry's, King Soopers, QFC, Ralphs and Smith's. The Company also operates 784 convenience stores, 372 fine jewelry stores, 932 supermarket fuel centers and 40 food processing plants in the U.S. Kroger, headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio, focuses its charitable efforts on supporting hunger relief, health and wellness initiatives, and local organizations in the communities it serves. For more information about Kroger, please visit www.kroger.com.

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