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INFORMATION REQUIRED IN PROXY STATEMENT

SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

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MORTON'S RESTAURANT GROUP, INC.

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MORTON'S COMMENTS ON FLORESCUE FILING

NEW HYDE PARK, NY - In response to today's filing by BFMA Holding Corporation, Florescue Family Corporation and Barry Florescue, Morton's Restaurant Group, Inc. (NYSE:MRG) stated: "Mr. Florescue has offered nothing but empty rhetoric. In contrast, Castle Harlan Partners III, L.P. has made a fully-financed cash offer for, and executed a definitive merger agreement with, the Company. The Company's preliminary proxy materials exhaustively detail the open process that the Special Committee conducted to find a buyer for Morton's, a process that included contact with 30 separate potential buyers. Mr. Florescue was offered the opportunity to participate in the process on several occasions and declined. The Company's stockholders will have an opportunity to vote on the best and only offer that resulted from that process."

Morton's Restaurant Group owns and operates 66 restaurants (62 Morton's of Chicago steakhouses and 4 Bertolini's Authentic Trattorias) in 57 cities and 27 states, in the continental United States, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Canada, Hong Kong and Singapore.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS THAT INVOLVE RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES RELATING TO THE PROPOSED MERGER AND OTHER FUTURE EVENTS, INCLUDING WHETHER AND WHEN THE PROPOSED MERGER WILL BE CONSUMMATED. A VARIETY OF FACTORS COULD CAUSE ACTUAL EVENTS OR RESULTS TO DIFFER MATERIALLY FROM THOSE EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED BY THE FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS. THESE FACTORS INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, RISKS THAT STOCKHOLDER APPROVAL AND REGULATORY AND THIRD PARTY CLEARANCES MAY NOT BE OBTAINED IN A TIMELY MANNER OR AT ALL, THAT THE REQUIRED MINIMUM EARNINGS LEVEL MAY NOT BE ACHIEVED BY THE COMPANY, THAT AN ORDER OR INJUNCTION MAY BE IMPOSED PROHIBITING OR DELAYING THE MERGER AND THAT ANY OTHER CONDITIONS TO THE MERGER MAY NOT BE SATISFIED OR WAIVED. THE COMPANY ASSUMES NO OBLIGATION TO UPDATE THE FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION.

AVAILABILITY OF PROXY STATEMENT

ON APRIL 16, 2002, MORTON'S RESTAURANT GROUP, INC. FILED A PRELIMINARY PROXY STATEMENT CONTAINING INFORMATION ABOUT MORTON'S, MORTON'S ACQUISITION COMPANY, MORTON'S HOLDINGS, INC., CASTLE HARLAN PARTNERS III, L.P., THE MERGER AND RELATED MATTERS. THE COMPANY ANTICIPATES RELEASING ITS DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE, SUBJECT TO SEC REVIEW. MORTON'S PLANS TO SEND A COPY OF THE DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT TO STOCKHOLDERS TO SEEK THEIR APPROVAL OF THE MERGER. STOCKHOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT CAREFULLY WHEN IT IS AVAILABLE, AS IT WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION THAT STOCKHOLDERS SHOULD CONSIDER BEFORE MAKING A DECISION ABOUT THE MERGER. STOCKHOLDERS WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO OBTAIN THE DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT, WHEN AVAILABLE, AS WELL AS OTHER FILINGS CONTAINING INFORMATION ABOUT MORTON'S WITHOUT CHARGE, AT THE SEC'S WEB SITE ([HTTP://WWW.SEC.GOV](http://www.sec.gov)). STOCKHOLDERS MAY ALSO OBTAIN COPIES OF THESE DOCUMENTS WITHOUT CHARGE BY REQUESTING THEM IN WRITING FROM MORTON'S RESTAURANT GROUP, INC., 3333 NEW HYDE PARK ROAD, NEW HYDE PARK, NEW YORK, 11042, ATTENTION: CORPORATE SECRETARY, OR BY TELEPHONE AT (516) 627-1515.

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