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NEWS RELEASE

MTY ANNOUNCES MEASURES TO SUPPORT ITS FRANCHISEES

Montreal, March 16, 2020 - MTY Food Group Inc. ("MTY" or the "Company") (TSX: MTY), franchisor and operator of multiple concepts of restaurants worldwide, announces it has decided to postpone the collection of royalties for a four-week period starting Tuesday, March 17, 2020.

MTY's priority has been and continues to be the safety and well being of its employees, guests and partners. The company's focus has been on taking all the necessary precautions at its offices, including a work from home policy, and additional or modified practices across all of its locations, such as increased cleaning frequency and the suspension of certain practices like the use of reusable cups, in order to minimize risk.

"We are satisfied with the measures our brands have put in place and will continue to monitor and adapt going forward, as needed. While many guests are shifting their daily routines, we are cognisant of the overall impact the decreased traffic is having on our restaurants and that we will need to support our franchisees during this difficult period. The total amount of royalties that will be deferred during the four-week period is expected to be between \$15 million and \$18 million" said Eric Lefebvre, Chief Executive Officer of MTY. "We are hopeful that the governments, our landlords and other partners will do their part as well."

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On Behalf of the Board of Directors of MTY Food Group Inc.

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