



MEDIA ALERT

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SPOTLIGHT CHRISTCHURCH TEMPORARILY CLOSED DUE TO 6.3 MAGNITUDE EARTHQUAKE

EFFECTIVE TUESDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2011

Spotlight Christchurch, located at the corner of Colombo and Elgin Streets in Sydenham has been forced to close due to the recent 6.3 magnitude earthquake. Our team is working towards re-opening the store as soon as possible.

"Our hearts and prayers go out to the people of Christchurch especially those that have lost loved ones and been affected by today's tragic earthquake" said Spotlight Chief Executive Officer Mark Goddard. "We have been in direct contact with our team who are offering support to each other and their extended families".

"No one could have predicted the extent of damage this event would cause to Christchurch and the community. We like many businesses are assessing the extent of the damage caused and the impact our building has sustained. We anticipate that our Colombo and Elgin street location may be unfortunately closed for a period yet to be determined; but we are seeking an alternate site so we can be open for trade to support the community's needs in the coming days"

"Despite this further set back we are totally committed to serving the people of Christchurch and will take whatever steps are necessary to get back up and running as soon as possible" said Mr Goddard.

Further announcements about resumption of trade at Spotlight Christchurch will be made once a full assessment of damage has been conducted. Customers are encouraged to visit the Spotlight website www.spotlight.co.nz for updates on trade.

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