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ALON BLUE SQUARE ISRAEL LTD.
(translation of registrant's name into English)
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(Address of principal executive offices)
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# ALON BLUE SQUARE ANNOUNCES AGREEMENTS TO SELL SIX ADDITIONAL SUPERMARKET BRANCHES OF MEGA RETAIL LTD.

YAKUM, Israel, December 7, 2015, Alon Blue Square Israel Ltd. (NYSE: BSI) (the "Company") announced today that Mega Retail Ltd. has entered into agreements to sell an aggregate of six supermarket branches operated by Mega Retail under the brand "YOU" to Rami Levi Chain Stores Hashikma Marketing 2006 Ltd. and C.N. Market Storages Ltd. Under the terms of the agreements, Mega Retail will transfer its rights and obligations with respect to the supermarkets and sell certain assets and equipment located in the supermarkets. In addition, the buyers will provide security to the lessors of the supermarkets to secure the buyers' obligations under the leases, to the extent applicable, including guarantees and security that the Company is currently required to provide. Aggregate consideration for the transaction is NIS 26 million plus VAT.

Closing of the transaction is conditioned upon satisfaction of the following conditions within 45 days of execution of the agreements (unless extended):

execution by applicable lessors of deeds of assignment of rights and obligations for the assignment to the buyers of the applicable agreements relating to the stores (or receipt of court approval for such assignment). With respect to certain supermarkets, a sum of NIS 4,750,000 will be deducted from the consideration for each supermarket for which neither a deed of assignment nor court approval is obtained;

receipt of court approval for Mega Retail entering into the transaction (unless the court determines that it has no jurisdiction or that no approval is needed). Such condition may be waived solely by Mega Retail if court approval is not required;

receipt of approval from the Anti-Trust Authority;

with respect to two supermarkets, reaching an agreement with the lessor. Removal of such supermarkets from the transaction would reduce the consideration by NIS 4 million per supermarket; and

with respect to two supermarkets, approval of the board of directors of Mega Retail.

Among the 23 "YOU" supermarkets which the Company has contracted to sell, which include the supermarkets described above and the supermarkets described in the Company's announcement on December 4, 2015, are supermarkets whose underlying real estate is leased by Blue Square Real Estate Ltd., a public company controlled by the Company. Closing of the sale of these supermarkets is subject to approval of the corporate organs of Blue Square Real Estate.

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Alon Blue Square Israel Ltd. (hereinafter: "Alon Blue Square") operates in five reportable operating segments and is the largest retail company in the State of Israel. In the Fueling and Commercial Sites segment, Alon Blue Square through its 63.13% subsidiary, which is listed on the Tel Aviv stock exchange ("TASE"), Dor Alon Energy in Israel (1988) Ltd is one of the four largest fuel retail companies in Israel based on the number of petrol stations and a leader in the field of convenience stores operating a chain of 211 petrol stations and 220 convenience stores in different formats in Israel. In its supermarket segment, Alon Blue Square, as a pioneer in the modern food retail, through Mega Retail Ltd., held 67% by Alon Blue Square, currently operates 148 supermarkets under different formats, each offering a wide range of food products, "Near Food" products and "Non-Food" products at varying levels of service and pricing. In its "Houseware and textile" segment, Alon Blue Square, through its TASE traded 77.51% subsidiary, Na'aman Group (NV) Ltd. Operates specialist outlets in self-operation and franchises and offers a wide range of "Non-Food" products as retailer and wholesaler. In the Real Estate segment, Alon Blue Square, through its TASE traded 53.92% subsidiary Blue Square Real Estate Ltd., owns, leases and develops income producing commercial properties and projects. In addition, Alon Blue Square operates the issuance and clearance of gift certificates, and through Diners Club Israel Ltd., an associate held at 36.75%, which operates in the sector of issuance and clearance of YOU credit cards to the customer club members of the group.

#### **Forward-looking statements**

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of safe harbor provisions of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements may include, but are not limited to, plans or projections about our business, our future revenues, expenses and profitability. Forward-looking statements may be, but are not necessarily, identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "may," "anticipates," "estimates," "expects," "intends," "plans," "believes," and words and terms of similar substance. Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual events, results, performance, circumstance and achievements to be materially different from any future events, results, performance, circumstance and achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. These risks, uncertainties and other factors include, but are not limited to, the following: the uncertainty of the success of the plan of recovery and arrangement with debtors, suppliers, service providers and lessors; the effect of the plan of recovery and arrangement on sales in our supermarkets and on the desire of suppliers to continue supplying products or services to our supermarkets; failure to reach a settlement with our bank lenders and holders of our Series C Debentures; the economic conditions in Israel on the sales in our stores and of our products and on our profitability; our ability to compete effectively against low-priced supermarkets, large fuel companies and our other competitors; enactment of new laws and regulations, including the enactment of recommendations of governmental appointed committees and regulations with respect to the procurement of petroleum products by fuel companies and the price of petroleum products that are subject to regulation; quarterly fluctuations in our operating results that may cause volatility of our ADS and share price; fluctuations in the price of petroleum products and increases in excise tax rates imposed on the sale of petroleum products in Israel; risks associated with our dependence on a limited number of key suppliers for products that we sell in our stores; the effect of an increase in the minimum wage in Israel on our operating results; the effect of any actions taken by the Israeli Antitrust Authority on our ability to execute our business strategy and on our profitability; the effect of increases in oil, raw material and product prices in recent years; the effects of damage to our reputation or to the reputation of our store brands due to reports in the media or otherwise; government policies with respect to residential building may have a negative impact on our operations in residential building, and other risks, uncertainties and factors disclosed in our filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), including, but not limited to, risks, uncertainties and factors identified under the heading "Risk Factors" in our annual report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2014. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this press release. Except for our ongoing obligations to disclose material information under the applicable securities laws, we undertake no obligation to update the forward-looking information contained in this press release.

#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

ALON BLUE SQUARE ISRAEL LTD.

December 7, 2015 By:/s/ Elli Levinson-Sela Elli Levinson-Sela, Adv. General Counsel and Corporate Secretary