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Form SC TO-C December 23, 2005 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 SCHEDULE TO (RULE 14d-100) Tender Offer Statement Under Section 14(d)(1) or 13(e)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 FOX & HOUND RESTAURANT GROUP (Name of Subject Company) F&H ACQUISITION CORP. NPSP ACQUISITION CORP. **NEWCASTLE PARTNERS, L.P.** STEEL PARTNERS II, L.P. (Names of Filing Persons Offeror) COMMON STOCK, PAR VALUE \$0.01 PER SHARE (Title of Class of Securities)

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

F&H ACQUISITION CORP. DEFERS COMMENCEMENT DATE OF CASH TENDER OFFER FOR OUTSTANDING SHARES OF FOX & HOUND RESTAURANT GROUP

F&H ACQUISITION CORP. NOW PLANS TO COMMENCE CASH TENDER OFFER ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 30, 2005

Dallas, TX December 22, 2005 F&H Acquisition Corp., an entity owned by Newcastle Partners, L.P. and Steel Partners II, L.P., today announced that it has deferred the date it intends to commence the \$14.50 per share cash tender offer to acquire all of the outstanding shares of common stock of Fox & Hound Restaurant Group (Nasdaq:FOXX) not already owned by it and now intends to commence the cash tender offer on or before December 30, 2005. The deferral is being made in light of the previous announcement on December 19, 2005 by F&H Acquisition Corp. that it has signed and delivered in escrow a fully-negotiated definitive tender offer/merger agreement (the Merger Agreement) and the announcement on December 20, 2005 by Fox & Hound that the \$14.50 per share offer of F&H Acquisition Corp. is a superior offer to the existing \$14.00 per share offer of Levine Leichtman Capital Partners. F&H Acquisition Corp. had previously announced on December 12, 2005 its intention to commence the cash tender offer on or before December 23, 2005.

The Merger Agreement is being held in escrow pursuant to a letter agreement (the Escrow Letter) with Fox & Hound. Pursuant to the Escrow Letter, Fox & Hound has agreed to execute and deliver the Merger Agreement before January 6, 2006, unless prior to such time Fox & Hound s Board of Directors has determined that the proposal contemplated by the Merger Agreement no longer constitutes a superior offer or Fox & Hound gives notice to F&H Acquisition Corp. that Fox & Hound is unable to make the representations and warranties or perform its obligations under the Merger Agreement.

THIS PRESS RELEASE IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND IS NOT AN OFFER TO BUY OR THE SOLICITATION OF AN OFFER TO SELL ANY SHARES. THE SOLICITATION AND THE OFFER TO BUY FOX & HOUND S COMMON STOCK WILL ONLY BE MADE PURSUANT TO AN OFFER TO PURCHASE AND RELATED MATERIALS THAT F&H ACQUISITION CORP. INTENDS TO FILE ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 30, 2005. STOCKHOLDERS SHOULD READ THESE MATERIALS CAREFULLY BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION, INCLUDING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE OFFER. STOCKHOLDERS WILL BE ABLE TO OBTAIN THE OFFER TO PURCHASE AND RELATED MATERIALS WITH RESPECT TO THE TENDER OFFER FREE AT THE SEC S WEBSITE AT WWW.SEC.GOV OR FROM F&H ACQUISITION CORP. BY CONTACTING

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