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## **Autogrill: HMSHost acquires the assets of FoodBrand**

Milan, 13<sup>th</sup> July 2007 – Autogrill Group (Milan: AGL IM), through its US division HMSHost, has acquired substantially all of the assets of FoodBrand LLC, a provider of food and beverage concessions at airports and shopping malls, for \$13.3m, including assumed liabilities.

Under the terms of the agreement, HMSHost has acquired contracts at two international U.S. airports of Washington Dulles and Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky - where it will operate, respectively, four and seven new outlets in addition to those it already runs - and nine shopping malls. The FoodBrand contracts encompass more than 80 food and beverage outlets and include a number of well-known brands.

In 2006, the contracts generated \$66.3m in sales and more than \$3.8m in consolidated unit cash flow.

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### **HMSHost**

Active in more than 100 airports in USA, Canada and Pacific area, HMSHost operates in 19 of the top 20 airports in North America. In 2006, it posted sales of \$2,325m, up 7.5% on \$ 2,163m in 2005. In the same period, its revenues from the airport channel reached \$1,811.3m, up 8.6% on \$1,667.6m in 2005.

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