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Commitment to assessing the expected effects on agriculture and food consumption and habits

## **Autogrill at the United Nations with the Ev-K2-CNR Committee for research into climate and environment change**

New York, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2007 – At the 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the United Nations Sustainable Development Commission, Autogrill is supporting the activities of the Ev-K2-CNR Committee and its work at “Pyramid”, the Italian observatory/laboratory and logistics base at the foot of Everest (at 5,050m on the north flank of Everest) which is engaged in an international programme of research into global climate change and its effects on agriculture and eating habits.

Of great topical resonance, the event will be attended not only by politicians and diplomats from mountainous countries but also by the Italian Environment Minister Alfonso Pecoraro Scanio and the Italian ambassador to the UN Marcello Spatafora.

“This initiative,” commented Giuseppe Cerroni, Managing Director Group Communications and Public Affairs, “puts Autogrill amongst Italy’s leading corporate champions of sustainable development, campaigning against CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and for efforts to contain the speeding up of climate change”.

Certain industries in which Autogrill operates, such as agriculture and forestry, are particularly sensitive to climate and environmental change: variations in temperatures may favour some crops but penalize others; frequency and intensity of precipitation and effects on water resources will impact on the quality of land and necessitate new approaches to agriculture and food production and consumption.

To communicate this co-operation, Autogrill is organizing an evening social event at Olives in Union Square, to be conducted by Todd English, the celebrity chef with whom the Group, through its US subsidiary HMSHost, has launched a project to open *haute cuisine* restaurants in major international airports. A Todd English establishment is scheduled to open at JFK Airport in a few weeks time.

One of the Group’s many environmental undertakings is an Italian project currently under study and called “A Future”. It focuses on the standardization of waste collection/recycling in its points of sale and the introduction of heating and cooling solutions for such locations using eco-compatible renewable energy sources to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and ensure as much energy self-sufficiency as possible. Another Autogrill project will install solar panels for the f&b facilities in Telefonica’s Madrid headquarters.



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## Autogrill Group

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