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“Deep in the Heart of Texas”

HMSHost corporation announces contract win at San Antonio international airport

Bethesda MD, 21st June 2001 - HMSHost Corporation extends its industry leadership position with a new food and beverage contract at San Antonio International Airport. The world's largest travel concessions provider has been awarded a seven year, \$28 million contract to introduce two Starbucks Coffee facilities and two exciting locally themed bars, one in partnership with basketball legend, George “Iceman” Gervin, and Chelsea Sandwiches of Texas.

San Antonio International's 3.5 million travelers will enjoy products from the nation's preferred coffee concept. In addition to their world-renowned coffee and tea products, Starbucks Coffee will offer fresh baked goods, deli sandwiches and salads.

Fulfilling the Airport's request for locally themed pubs, the Gervin's Sports Bar will present an exciting food and beverage offering served in an atmosphere that celebrates the accomplishments of San Antonio Spurs superstar, George “Iceman” Gervin. Another locally themed proprietary pub will feature a variety of national and local microbrews along with menu selections reflecting the unique culinary tastes of San Antonio.

Under terms of the agreement, HMSHost will begin construction at the end of 2001 and anticipate opening the restaurants by the Spring of 2002.

“We couldn't be more pleased with the Selection Committee's unanimous decision to award us this opportunity, and we're also delighted to be working with its designated developer Westfield Concession Management,” said John J. McCarthy, President and CEO of HMSHost.

HMSHost, formerly known as Host Marriott Services, is world-renowned for creating innovative concession plans in travel venues. HMSHost has revenues of \$1.6 billion and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Autogrill S.p.A. Together, HMSHost and the rest of the Autogrill Group are recognized leaders in retail, food and beverage concessions serving people on the move. With operations in nineteen countries around the globe, the combined Company has annual revenues of over \$2.6 billion.