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Financial markets confirm their confidence in the group's management and competitiveness

Autogrill signs an 800 million euro loan agreement with Banca Intesa and MCC

Milan, 23rd March 2004 - Autogrill said it had signed a financing agreement for 800 million euro with Banca Intesa and MCC (Capitalia banking group).

The five-year loan has been underwritten in full by Banca Intesa and MCC as Arrangers, and also by Banca di Roma and Bipop Carire, members of the Capitalia group. The loan, which is to be syndicated among a small group of banks consists of four tranches and is designed to substitute its current lines of credit and guaranteeing a significant extension of maturity.

"This agreement, coming at a time of great caution, confirms the financial markets' confidence in the Group's fundamentals, competitiveness and management quality," said Autogrill Chief Executive Officer Gianmario Tondato da Ruos.