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Autogrill extends expiration date of tender offer for Host Marriott Services Corporation

Milan, 27th August 1999 - The expiration date of the Autogrill cash tender offer for all shares of common stock of **Host Marriott Services** (NYSE:HMS), a US-based restaurant-service provider, has been extended to XXX (New York City time).

The tender offer was previously scheduled to expire at 12:00 midnight on August 26 (New York City time, 6:00 a.m. this morning Italian time).

The announcement was made by Autogrill, which said that based upon preliminary information received during the night from the depository, approximately XXX million shares had been validly tendered as of August 26, representing xx% of the total shares outstanding.

For further information, please contact Morrow & Co., at 001 212 754-8000, which is acting as the Information Agent for the Offer.