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Closing date of the operation: 21st May

## Autogrill: the European Commission clears acquisition of 100% of World Duty Free Europe

Milan, 16<sup>th</sup> May 2008 – The European Commission has cleared the acquisition by Autogrill (Milan: AGL IM) of 100% of World Duty Free Europe Limited from BAA Limited as compatible with EU antitrust law.

Under the terms of the agreement the operation's closing date is 21st May 2008.

## **About WDF**

World Duty Free is the largest airport travel retail & duty-free operator in the UK. It operates in seven major airports in the UK, including Heathrow, the world's 3<sup>rd</sup> biggest hub in terms of passenger traffic. The company is active in all the traditional types of duty-free/duty-paid business, and especially in the beauty segment. WDF manages 58 stores, covering over 18,000 square metres overall, with around 1,900 employees and a total of around 62 million customers. In 2007, the company posted net revenues of £420.5m and EBITDA of £37.4m.

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