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## Financing for the Aldeasa and World Duty Free acquisitions

# Autogrill secures a new 1 billion euro credit line

Milan, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2008 – Autogrill S.p.A. (Milan: AGL IM) has contracted a new credit line worth €1 billion, in order to fund the acquisition of the 49.95% of Aldeasa S.A. from Altadis S.A. and the acquisition of 100% of World Duty Free Europe Limited from BAA, as announced on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2008.

The credit line was organised and fully underwritten by BNP Paribas, Intesa San Paolo, The Royal Bank of Scotland, and Unicredit, which acted as Mandated Lead Arrangers and Bookrunners, and by ING Bank and Natixis, which acted as Mandated Lead Arrangers and Sub-Underwriters.

The new credit facility consists of two term loans for a total of €875m – with initial maturity in March 2013, extendable for 1 or 2 years – and a revolving credit facility of €125m – maturing in March 2013. The first term loan (€275m) provides for a bullet repayment upon maturity, while the second provides for a partial amortisation plan of three annual instalments of €100m starting in 2010, plus a residual €300m to be paid at maturity.

The contractual terms allow the Group to maintain the margins of financial flexibility that were negotiated for previous financing arrangements.

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