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**Expansion in the airport channel brings the number of US airports served to 70**

## **Autogrill awarded new \$675 million contract in Oakland Airport**

- The concession will run for 12 years
- 19 new food & beverage and retail points of sale

Milan, 21<sup>st</sup> July 2006 – Autogrill Group (Milan: AGL IM), through its US subsidiary HMSHost Corp., has been awarded a new concession, worth \$675m over the 12 years of the contract. Scheduled to start this fall, the contract involves building and operating 19 food & beverage and retail locations in Oakland International Airport, California.

HMSHost won the contract through a competitive RFP process that included five of the industry's top international firms. The new contract brings the number of HMSHost's US airports to 69. Oakland is California's seventh largest city and the most ethnically diverse city in the United States. The international airport and its 12 major domestic and international airlines serve almost 15 million passengers a year.

In the area allocated to it, HMSHost will place well known Oakland brands like Everett & Jones Barbecue (family food), Genova Delicatessen & Ravioli Factory (Italian food), Restaurant Peony (Chinese food), The Oakland Tribune News (gifts and newspapers) and Vella's Locker Room. There will also be traditional local brands such as Heinold's First & Last Chance Saloon, Fenton's Creamery, Otaez Mexican Restaurant and Silver Dragon Restaurant, as well as the classic Starbucks Coffee R, Chili's, Burger King, Subway, California Pizza Kitchen ASAP, Palm One, See's Candies, Quizons Sub and Gordon Biersch Brewer.

HMSHost is currently operating in 82 airports in the United States, Canada, Malaysia, New Zealand and Australia. In 2005, HMSHost posted airport revenues of €1,340.4m (up 8.9% on 2004), which is 38% of consolidated sales.