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Autogrill: first half net sales exceeded 1.329 million Euro

Milan, 27th July 2000 - Autogrill Group net sales exceeded 1,329 million euros (or approximately 2,575 billion lire). This figure is a first estimate and shows a growth of 14% towards the first half of 1999 (+6.7% exchange rate adjusted).

The net sales of Autogrill S.p.A., the Group holding company, achieved 436.7 million euros, showing an increase of +7.7% versus the first half of 1999, while for systemwide sales (including those generated by the franchising outlets) the increase rose to 8.2%.

North-American airports generated business was particularly satisfactory: net sales rose to 523 million euros, showing a +21%, on consistent parameters (9.7%, net of the exchange rate adjusted), towards 1999 first half results.

The turnover of the quick-service restaurant business, operating with the Spizzico and Burger King brands in Italy, increased by 38.7%: systemwide sales reached 46 million euros, or some 90 billion lire (+38,7%).

The First Half Report as of 30th June 2000 of Autogrill SpA, the Group holding company, will be made available to the public on September 13, 2000 in compliance with the provisions of art. 82.2 Consob resolution 11971/99, which provides for the exemption from the drawing up of the Quarterly Report as of June 30 in the case of approval of the six-months Report within 75 days of the expiry of the reference period.