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Cerroni, leaving the position of General Secretary of Confcommercio (Italian Confederation of Commerce), joins Livio Buttignol's staff as of February 1st

Autogrill assigns Giuseppe Cerroni responsibility for institutional relations

Milan, 30th January 2001 - As of February 1st Giuseppe Cerroni, a 54-year old native of Rome, will be responsible for the Institutional Relations of Autogrill, the world's leading group in catering services for travelers.

Prior to October 1995, when he was appointed General Secretary of Confcommercio, the Italian Confederation of Commerce, Cerroni had held other important positions, such as General Secretary of Unioncamere (the organisation of Italian chambers of commerce, Director of ICE (the Italian institute for foreign trade), member of the National Committee that worked on Statute 44/86 – a law concerning young entrepreneurs, and Managing Director of Cerved International SA, a company active in the international interconnection of data-bank systems.

In his new role, Cerroni will help achieve the objectives that Autogrill, under the guidance of its CEO Livio Buttignol, has set itself in developing and further enhancing its business in Italy and the rest of Europe.

Present in 20 countries with some 900 locations (catering and sales outlets that often feature a combination of different catering and retail formats), the Autogrill Group generates some two-thirds of its sales abroad (including the USA) and projects full-year 2000 sales of over € 3 billion and positive bottom-line results.