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HMSHost awarded food service concession at two Ohio Turnpike travel plazas until 2015

Milan, 4th February 2002 - HMSHost Corporation, the world's largest provider of food, beverage and retail concessions to the travel industry, announced today that it was recently awarded the food service concession rights at the Middle Ridge and Vermilion Valley travel plazas on the Ohio Turnpike. The Ohio Turnpike is an east – west roadway covering 240 miles between Youngstown and Montpelier. Over 45 million vehicles use the Turnpike annually.

The contract term is twelve years with four three-year options. The agreement is expected to generate revenues in excess of \$115 million over the life of the contract.

The Vermilion and Middle Ridge travel plazas are currently being rebuilt, and are scheduled to open in May. Turnpike travelers will be able to choose from a wide selection of food brands including: Burger King, Manchu Wok, Popeye's, Starbucks, TCBY, and The Great Steak and Potato Company. HMSHost will also operate Travel Mart, a convenience store concept.

For Manchu Wok and The Great Steak and Potato Company, these plazas will represent their first tollroad locations in the U.S.

"HMSHost has been on the Ohio Turnpike for over 30 years, delivering state of the art facilities and quality service," said Livio Buttignol, CEO of Autogrill. "We will continue this proud tradition at Vermilion and Middle Ridge. We are particularly pleased to open these brand-new plazas with so many exciting restaurant concepts. Our top goal is to provide Turnpike travelers with finest array of dining choices in the country."