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HMSHost wins new seven-year contract and extends a concession, for projected net sales of 30 million US dollars

USA: Autogrill strengthens its operations in San Antonio International Airport and wins major recognition

Milan, 19th June 2002 - HMSHost, the American subsidiary of Italian multinational Autogrill – the world's leading provider of restaurant services for people on the move – has been awarded a food & beverages and retail concession in new areas in San Antonio International Airport, which handles 7 million passengers in transit every year. The seven-year contract will generate net sales for an estimated 16 million US dollars.

HMSHost will set up three outlets in the new airport area: a Simply Books/Starbucks bookstore-café, a Cinnabon bakery and a Legends bar with a sports theme.

In addition to the new concession, the Autogrill US subsidiary has also won an extension on its contract in John Wayne Airport in Santa Ana, 35 miles from Los Angeles (approximately 8 million passengers in transit every year), where it runs a number of branded operations, including: Starbucks Coffee, Cinnabon, TBCY, Juice Works and Pizza Hut. The extension will generate additional net sales of 14 million US dollars.

Finally, Linda More, HMSHost Vice President of Government Affairs, has received a special recognition from the Federal Aviation Administration, the body that regulates all operations in US airports, for co-operation with the federal authorities and commitment to application of DBE legislation (Disadvantage Business Enterprises).