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Autogrill wins two new five-year contracts for food & beverages and retail services in Turin Airport

Milan, 11th December 2002 - Autogrill – the Italian multinational that ranks number one worldwide in restaurant services for people on the move – has won both concessions after presenting a bid that received the highest overall rating based on the technical and economic scoring systems set out in the request for tenders. The first area (420 square meters), in the departure lounge, will provide quick-service food & beverages, as well as newspapers, magazines and tobacco products; the second area (1,100 square meters), located on the upper floor of the check-in area, will provide a full restaurant service with a Ciao free-flow restaurant, tobacco products and leisure areas equipped with Internet-enabled workstations running on broadband connections.

The new areas will join a Spizzico location which opened in August, an Autogrill snack bar which will open by the end of the year, and a drug store to be opened during the first quarter of 2003.

The contract has a five-year term and is expected to generate aggregate revenues of more than 32 million euros.

Autogrill has undertaken to maintain the current employment levels under the terms and conditions agreed with Sagat.

"The arrival of Autogrill," said Mario Carrara, chairman of Sagat S.p.A., "will help us raise the quality of our services and move rapidly ahead with our plans to expand the airport and create new jobs."

"Our success in Turin is a significant confirmation of the quality of our offer and the Group's competitive capacity in the airport business, where we expect to achieve the fastest growth over the next few years," commented Autogrill chief executive officer Livio Buttignol.

As a result of rapid continuous growth – around 10% per annum over the last ten years – Turin airport now handles annual passenger traffic of more than three million people (figure for 2001). A program of major enhancements is now underway in preparation for the 2006 Winter Olympics, as a result of which Turin will become an even more important airport in terms of traffic flows and facilities for users.