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Autogrill: no case pending with the Antitrust

Milan, 2nd September 2004 - With regard to the article published this morning in Il Sole 24 Ore, under the headline "Autogrill, Tesauro fa il bis" ("Autogrill, Tesauro does it again"), the company said that Autogrill had no case pending with the Antitrust authority nor had it appealed to the administrative courts against the authority other than in connection with recent authority rulings on authorization requests concerning a number of service areas. On this latter matter, the Lazio regional administrative tribunal found for the company. The information published by Il Sole 24 Ore does not correspond to the facts.

In order to safeguard its assets and image, Autogrill stresses that its involvement in the assignments of Autostrade per l'Italia has always been based on completely independent decisions taken in full compliance with the regulations and criteria set by the independent advisors, confiding in the fact that the decisions of the advisors had been submitted for the approval and control of the Antitrust authority.