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HMSHost renews its contract at Anchorage International Airport in Alaska

Milan, 21st January 2010 – Through its American subsidiary HMSHost, Autogrill (Milan: AGL IM) has consolidated its presence in Anchorage International Airport, Alaska, where it has been operating since 1991 as the main food & beverage provider. It has renewed its contract, covering nine f&b points of sale, for a further ten years. The concession is expected to generate overall sales of over $130m from 2010 to 2020.

Under the terms of the agreement, the company will expand its presence in the airport by adding new f&b locations covering a total of over 2,000 square meters.

The f&b offering features well known international brands as well as new concepts promoting local traditions, including the new Norton Sound Seafood House (in Concourse C, after security) operated in partnership with Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSEDC), a non-profit association supporting the economic development of the state through initiative in partnership with local producers. This unique restaurant offers recipes created by the celebrity TV chef Al Levinsohn and made with Alaskan fish and seafood.

Other brands include Humpy’s Great Alaskan Alehouse (in Concourse B), a popular pub with a vast assortment of local beers and the famous “Alaskan Fish & Chips”, as well as international brands like Starbucks Coffee, Chili’s Too and Quiznos Sub.

Anchorage International Airport, the largest in the state of Alaska (with over five million passengers in 2008 according to the airport’s website), is undergoing a major rebuilding programme scheduled to be completed in 2010. Following this, most of the flights will be moved from the North Terminal to the restructured South Terminal, where HMSHost already operates.

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