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Estimated accumulated sales of over \$500 million in 2009-2015 HMSHost secures early renewal of its concession at Charlotte Douglas International Airport (North Carolina, USA) Over 50 points of sale operated inside the airport

Milan, 16th July 2009 – Through its American division HMSHost, Autogrill (Milan: AGL IM) has secured renewal, a year in advance, of its concession contract for over 50 food&beverage points of sale in Charlotte Douglas International Airport, North Carolina, where it has operated since 1986.

Originally running till 2010, the concession agreement has now been renewed for another five years, with expected accumulated sales of over \$500m in the period June 2009-June 2015.

Alongside nationally and internationally famous brands such as Starbucks Coffee, Burger King, Chili's Too, Great American Bagel, Quiznos Sub and Philips Famous Seafood, the Company has introduced concepts developed with local partners, including Salsarita's, a popular fast-food label specializing in Mexican food, and Carolina Beer Company, a brewer offering an assortment of local beers and food specialties.

Charlotte Douglas International Airport, which moves around 35 million passengers a year, saw a 4.6% increase in traffic in 2008 counter to the general average downturn in airports all round the world. It is near Charlotte, the biggest city in North Carolina and one of America's most important financial centres (Bank of America is headquartered there).

HMSHost is active in 114 airports worldwide, including the top 20 busiest in North America. The company manages food, beverage and specialty retail in the United States and Canada, in Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport (The Netherlands) and in a number of airports in the U.K., Ireland, Europe and Asia-Pacific. HMSHost's airport revenues in 2008 reached \$2,222.7m, up 5.4% on \$2,109.2m in 2007, while passenger traffic shrank by 4.7% (source: A.T.A.).

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