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## Autogrill renews its concession at Birmingham Airport till 2021

Milan, 7<sup>th</sup> September 2010 – Through its subsidiary WDF, Autogrill Group (Milan: AGL IM) has strengthened its presence in the UK. The Group has extended its contract for the management of travel retail and duty free business in Birmingham Airport (8.5 million passengers a year) for ten years, up until 2021. The Group has been operating in Birmingham Airport since 1990. WDF produced revenues of £21m in the airport in 2009.

The contract renewal strengthens WDF's presence in the airport duty free market in the UK, where it operates 89 stores in 22 airports, serving a total of about 20 million passengers.

The retail space will cover an area of 1,700 m<sup>2</sup> in the International Departures Lounge of the new single terminal, which will combine the departure facilities in current Terminals 1 and 2.

The Group will introduce a large World Duty Free brand tax and duty free walk-through store featuring a design similar to the shopping mall format, and "boutique" islands for the major brands.

WDF worked in partnership with the airport company to develop an innovative store capable of offering customers a unique shopping experience with an international flavour by including world renowned brands such as beauty & skincare names like Mac, Lancôme, Chanel, Elizabeth Arden and Clarins, fragrances by Tom Ford, DKNY, Cacharel, Chanel, Armani and Hugo Boss, and luxury goods by Guess and Swarovski. There will be a large food area dedicated to well known confectionery brands like Cadbury. The beverage area will offer an assortment of Moët & Chandon and Veuve Clicquot champagnes.

Further, Autogrill Group's Alpha Airport Shopping store, currently in T2, will be transformed into a World Duty Free "express" store. An arrivals store will also be opened in the new central arrivals area.

With 8.5 million passengers in 2009 (Source: ACI, Airports Council International), Birmingham Airport is the second largest airport in the UK in terms of traffic outside the London area. It is currently undergoing a major redevelopment, at a cost to the airport itself of £13m. Birmingham Airport's One Terminal project will combine the current Passenger Search Areas in Terminals 1 and 2 with all departing passengers then being processed into the existing main International Departures Lounge. This will improve the flow of passenger traffic and operating efficiency thanks to the single security area, a larger arrivals concourse and a greater range of restaurant and retail offerings in both landside and airside areas.

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