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HMSHost Enters into Agreement to Purchase Cara's Airport Terminal Restaurant Division

Bethesda, MD June 8, 2006 – HMSHost Corporation ("Host") has entered into an agreement with Cara Operations Limited ("Cara") to purchase Cara's Airport Terminal Restaurant Division ("ATR"), a leading provider of travel concessions in North America, for approximately \$62 million (Cdn.) less assumed liabilities.

Under the terms of the agreement, Host (through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Host International of Canada) will acquire the ATR contracts at nine airports: Calgary, Edmonton, Kamloops, Montreal, Ottawa, Saskatoon, Toronto, Vancouver and Winnipeg. Generating approximately \$74 million (Cdn.) in sales and more than \$9 million (Cdn.) in EBITDA, the ATR contracts encompass approximately 90 food, beverage and retail outlets and include a number of well-known Canadian brands operating under franchise agreements, including Second Cup and Tim Horton's.

Host President and Chief Executive Officer, Elie Maalouf commented, "We are very excited about this opportunity to provide a seamless transition for airport clients as Cara exits the airport concession business to concentrate on its core business. Our focus will be on working closely with Cara to minimize any potential disruptions to the business and airport customers, while providing existing ATR employees with future growth opportunities within Host. This transaction provides assurance that airports, travelers, and Cara's ATR employees will all be well served, and it provides a solid addition to our existing airport operations at Calgary, Edmonton, Halifax, Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver. We look forward to reaching new levels of operating excellence."

Cara President and Chief Executive Officer, Don Robinson commented, "The transaction is a win-win for Cara, Host, and our Cara teammates, as well as for the affected airport authorities and the traveling public. Under the arrangement, in many cases the locations will continue to feature our great Cara brands which the traveling public enjoys. Host is a recognized leader in providing services to the traveling public, and has an excellent reputation and track-record with airport authorities across Canada, and with Host being focused on this aspect of the business, it assures our teammates of continuing opportunities."

The transaction is subject to typical pre-closing conditions, including regulatory and other consents and approvals. Closing is anticipated for some time in the second half of 2006.

About HMSHost Corporation

HMSHost is world-renowned for creating innovative concession plans in travel venues. The company operates in more than 70 airport locations around the globe, including 18 of the 20 busiest airports in North America. HMSHost has annual sales in excess of \$2.0 billion and employs more than 26,000 associates worldwide. A wholly-owned subsidiary of Autogrill S.p.A, HMSHost and the rest of the Autogrill Group are recognized leaders in travel concessions. With sales exceeding \$4.0 billion, Autogrill is present in 29 countries with over 4,500 points of sale in 979 locations (including 138 airports) where 51,000 employees serve over 800 million customers every year.

About Cara Operations Limited

Cara Operations Limited, based in Toronto, Ontario, Canada is one of Canada's leading restaurant companies, and the largest operator of full service restaurants in Canada providing employment for approximately 40,000 Canadians in its owned and franchised operations. Cara's wholly owned businesses include Swiss Chalet, Harvey's, Second Cup, Kelsey's Neighbourhood Bar & Grill, Montana's Cookhouse, Milestone's Grill and Bar, Cara Air Terminal Restaurant Division; Cara Airport Services Division; and Summit Food Service Distributors Inc.