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Pennsylvania Turnpike Contract Awarded to HMSHost

BETHESDA, MD, July 28, 2006 – HMSHost Corporation, a world leader in travel food, beverage and retail concessions, announced today the award of a contract to redevelop 18 travel plazas along the Pennsylvania Turnpike. The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission selected HMSHost's proposal following a competitive process that included all major industry participants. The new contract term is 30 years with estimated revenues to exceed \$3.5 billion over the life of the contract.

Stretching approximately 530 miles, the Turnpike system is used by more than 190 million vehicles per year. As part of the new agreement, HMSHost plans to spend over \$100 million to revitalize the Turnpike travel plazas with new, larger buildings that incorporate Pennsylvania architecture and materials. Travel plaza visitors will experience a special blend of the best national and regional restaurants, and exciting retail designs and products. They can also expect a food court with natural, ambient lighting, full-service convenience stores, and larger restrooms with increased lighting and touch-free technology. Other plaza improvements will include outdoor dining areas, landscaped grounds with pet walking paths, and state-of-the-industry technology and security systems.

"The Commission and HMSHost have enjoyed a long business partnership servicing the travelers on the Pennsylvania Turnpike. We look forward to continuing our relationship with HMSHost and appreciate their financial commitment to our travel plaza redevelopment project. We are proud that the buildings will be designed by a Pennsylvania architect and reflect architectural elements common to Pennsylvania, and that many of the food offerings include Pennsylvania-based firms," said Joe Brimmeier, Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission CEO.

"We thank the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission for their vote of confidence and this opportunity to provide Turnpike travelers with outstanding new plazas that feature innovative dining and retail options with the highest levels of guest service," said Elie W. Maalouf, President and CEO of HMSHost.

In addition to the many familiar brands already known to Pennsylvania Turnpike travelers — Starbucks, Burger King, Sbarro, Roy Rogers and Hershey's Ice Cream — the Pennsylvania motorway will be the first in the country to feature top

restaurant and Pennsylvania-based brands. New brands making their way into the motorway service plazas include The Doggery, Philly Steak & Gyro, Bassett's Original Turkey, Famous Famiglia, Chick-fil-A, and Brioche Doree Café & Bakery, as well as Chili's Too and Outback Outpost, featuring their popular appetizers, burgers, salads, and sandwich offerings.

"Whether it is burgers, chicken, steaks, salads, wraps, a hand-dipped ice cream cone, or special gifts and souvenirs we believe the Pennsylvania Turnpike will have something to satisfy everyone's taste and make their travel experience on the Pennsylvania Turnpike more enjoyable," said Brian Gallant, Senior Vice President, Motorway Operations for HMSHost.

The service plaza redevelopment will be phased in over the next five to six years so as not to disrupt service to customers of the Pennsylvania Turnpike system. Travelers will be able to get regular updates which will be posted on the Turnpike website at www.paturndpike.com.

About HMSHost

HMSHost is world-renowned for creating innovative restaurants and shops in travel venues. The company has won international recognition for its original concepts, creative store designs, and outstanding customer service. HMSHost operates in more than 100 motorway travel plazas throughout North America.

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 and 645 motorways) where 51,000 employees serve over 800 million customers every year.

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