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HMSHost Operations at Cork Airport Receive Sapphire Award from Excellence Ireland Quality Association (EIQA)

BETHESDA, MD – HMSHost Corporation, a world leader in travel dining and shopping, has earned a global reputation for innovation, growth and outstanding travel experiences. As evidence of this reputation, the company's Cork Airport operation, HMSHost Ireland Ltd., has been awarded the Sapphire Award by the Excellence Ireland Quality Association, a member of the European Organization for Quality.

EIQA is the leading professional association for the advancement of quality practices and business improvements both in Ireland and internationally. The EIQA's Sapphire Award is an annual recognition of companies whose practices serve to promote and preserve required health standards.

HMSHost Ireland Ltd. has been operating five food and beverage locations at Cork Airport since summer 2006. HMSHost Cork Airport was awarded the Sapphire Award as the result of a full hygiene audit which took place in all five food and beverage outlets, including **Starbucks Coffee, Red Bar, the Food Court, Lir Café and the Sports Bar**. Approximately 140 HMSHost associates serve Cork Airport's passengers almost 24 hours a day.

"We are extremely proud of this prestigious award," said Walter Seib, Managing Director of HMSHost Europe. "We are committed to our mission of 'making the traveler's day better.' This quality and hygiene recognition underscores our delivery of the best travel experience at Cork Airport and our other European locations."

About HMSHost and Autogrill

The European development arm of HMSHost, one the world's leading airport shopping and dining innovators, HMSHost Europe is committed to building outstanding dining facilities in travel venues throughout Europe. A wholly-owned subsidiary of Autogrill S.p.A, HMSHost and the rest of the Autogrill Group are recognized leaders in travel amenities. With sales exceeding €3.9 billion, Autogrill is present in 33 countries with more than 4,800 points of sale in more than 1050 locations (including 163 airports and 689 motorways) where 51,000 employees serve over 840 million customers every year. HMSHost is present at Copenhagen Airport since May 2007.

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