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HMSHOST AWARDED FOOD & BEVERAGE CONCESSION CONTRACT AT GEORGE BEST BELFAST CITY AIRPORT

BETHESDA, Md. – HMSHost Europe - part of the Autogrill Group, a world leader in airport shopping and dining - was awarded the contract to redevelop and operate the food and beverage concessions in the renewed terminal at George Best Belfast City Airport in Northern Ireland. The 10-year contract involves the development of three food and beverage venues located at airside. The first remodeled outlet is scheduled to open in the last quarter of 2008.

“We welcome HMSHost as a key business partner in this capacity of provision of food and beverage. We look forward to working with HMSHost to bring excellent quality and choice to our passengers in the renewed terminal,” said Maria Rueda, Business Development Director, George Best Belfast City Airport

The Airport serves 2.4 million passengers per year. In May 2006, it was renamed George Best Belfast City Airport to commemorate the life of international football legend George Best, who was born and grew up nearby.

“We look forward to this long term partnership with George Best Belfast City Airport and to delivering a concession program with a well balanced concept mix of international and local brands. We are sure our offering will be satisfying for both frequent business travelers and leisure passengers,” said Walter Seib, Managing Director of HMSHost Europe.

The new food and beverage locations will include:

- ❑ **Bushmills**, named for the maker of malt and blended whiskeys, will feature a combination of local and international wines, spirits and food for passengers to enjoy prior to their flight.
- ❑ **Starbucks Coffee**, a leading retailer and roaster of specialty coffee. Starbucks will offer Belfast travelers fast and convenient access to their favorite beverages -- including espresso-based drinks, brewed coffees, and Frappuccinos[®] -- in addition to a variety of fresh pastries, sandwiches, and salads.
- ❑ **St. George's Food Market**: The Market will be a custom designed food court for the airport inspired by St. George's Food Market in Belfast City. Here the best local cuisines will be combined with authentic décor elements from the region to create an exciting dining experience for all.

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. Visit www.hmshosteurope.com for more information.

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