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CREMONINI GROUP: Moto s.p.a. awarded five more motorway service areas.

In Italy, the motorway service areas with the “Moto” brand move up to 24.

Moto s.p.a., subsidiary of the Cremonini Group in joint venture on equal terms with Compass Group Plc, was awarded 5 new motorway service areas in Italian motorway network.

One of the concessions was awarded by Autostrada dei Fiori Spa, company owned by Marcellino Gavio, and refers to the **Borsana Sud** service area, on motorway A10 near Finale Ligure and is valid for 9 years.

The second concession, awarded by Autostrade per l'Italia Spa, refers to the **Fabro Est** service area, on motorway A1 near Rome and is valid for 12 years.

Overall, the two concessions shall develop a yearly turnover estimated at about 7.5 millions of Euro.

Within the same award lot of Autostrade per l'Italia, Moto S.p.A. was also awarded 3 other concessions for 5 years (**La Pioppa Est** - Motorway A14, **Reggello Ovest** - Motorway A1 and **S. Martino Ovest** - Motorway A1), which shall develop an overall annual turnover estimated at about 18 millions of Euro. The taking over of Moto S.p.A. in these concessions is subject to the exercise of the right of pre-emption that can be exercised only by the oil company, owner of the service area concessions, which currently manages only the oil business.

From the beginning of the re-award procedure of the motorway concessions, Moto S.p.A. has tendered 30 times out of 68 tenders awarded by Autostrade per l'Italia S.p.A. and was awarded 16 motorway service areas, including 3 pending the result of the pre-emption, to which must be added 1 motorway service area awarded by Autostrada dei Fiori Spa.

The award of these concessions represents another breakthrough in the development process of the Moto network along the Italian motorway network: overall, there are already 24 motorway service areas in Italy under the “Moto” brand, including 7 deriving from previous acquisitions (former Plose brand).

Cremonini, with approximately 5,500 employees, is one of the most important food groups in Europe, focusing on three business areas: production, foodservice distribution and restaurant services.

The Group, with total revenues amounting to 1,786.2 millions of Euro in 2003, is firm leader in Italy in the production of beef and meat-based products (**Montana**) and in the marketing and distribution of food to the foodservice (**Marr**). Moreover, it has a relevant position in the restaurant sector and especially the leadership in Italy in on-board and railway station restaurant services (**Chef Express**).

Compass Group plc is the biggest public restaurant service company in the world, employing more than 375,000 units in more than 90 countries. Its yearly turnover exceeds 10 billions of pounds deriving from public and commercial restaurant services and dispensers.

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