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Cremonini Group: Moto Spa is awarded 7 motorway service areas, out of the 8 up for tender.

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MOTO Spa, a subsidiary of the Cremonini Group, in a joint venture with Compass Group Plc, has been awarded contracts to operate 7 motorway service areas in Italian motorway network, out of the 8 they competed for.

This successful bid takes place in the context of the second round of bidding that led to the reallocation of concessions for sections of motorway managed by Autostrade per l'Italia S.p.A.

The seven concessions, which will have an overall annual turnover estimated at around 10.7 million Euros, will be in the following service areas:

- **Mirabella Sud**, on the A16, near Avellino (14-year concession)
- **Sangro Est**, on the A14, near Chieti (14-year concession)
- **Tolfa Est**, on the A12, near Civitavecchia (10-year concession)
- **Mirabella Nord**, on the A16, near Avellino (10-year concession)
- **Valle Scrivia Est**, on the A7, near Tortona (10-year concession)
- **Valle Scrivia Ovest**, on the A7, near Tortona (6-year concession)
- **Piceno Ovest**, on the A14, near Ascoli Piceno (6-year concession)

Overall, since the reallocation of motorway concessions started, Moto Spa has taken part in 22 bids for tenders, out of the 56 assigned by Autostrade per l'Italia Spa, and it has won 12 motorway service areas, that will develop an annual turnover estimated at 20 million of Euros.

The motorway service areas with the “Moto” brand-name operating in the Italian motorway network therefore go up to 19, of which 7 derive from previous acquisitions (the former Plose brand).

Cremonini, with over 6100 employees, is one of the most important food groups in Europe, with activities focused on three business areas: production, distribution to the food service industry and restaurant services.

The Group, with total earnings of 1,786.2 million Euros in 2003, is the absolute leader in Italy in the production of beef and meat-based products (**Montana**) and in the marketing and distribution of food products to the food service industry (**Marr**). It also has a considerable

presence in the restaurant sector and, in particular, it is the leading company in Italy in on-board and railway station restaurant services (**Chef Express**).

Compass Group plc is the largest catering company for restaurant services in the world; it employs over 375,000 people in more than 90 countries, and has an annual turnover of over 10 billion pounds deriving from community and commercial restaurant services and automatic vending machines.

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