



PRESS RELEASE

Couche-Tard acquires 7 stores in Ohio

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Laval, October 26, 2005 — Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc. announces that its subsidiary, Mac's Convenience Stores LLC, has signed an agreement with Ports Petroleum Co. to purchase seven stores located in Ohio. Should this transaction close as planned on November 3rd, these acquisitions would add sales of approximately US \$35 million to Couche-Tard's revenues and contribute to its earnings on an annualized basis.

The purchase agreement is for seven convenience stores currently operated under the **Fuel Mart** banner, all with motor fuel facilities and one with a quick service restaurant under the Subway banner. Most of these stores are located around Cleveland, Ohio. Pursuant to this transaction, the company would buy the land and buildings for six locations, and would lease the other one. According to a confidentiality agreement between the parties, the purchase price cannot be disclosed at this time but it will be paid by using internal cash flow.

"We are pleased with this opportunity which allows us to complement the network expansion plans in the Midwest. Consistent with our development strategy, we selected these seven stores based on the following criteria: prime locations, potential for growth and quality of people. Under our operation model and with the efficiency of our marketing programs, these seven sites would contribute to improve profitability of the Midwest Division. Subsequent to this transaction, our network in the Midwest Division would include a total of 499 stores. These sites are located within the areas of our existing Circle K stores and would eventually be operated under the Circle K banner," indicated Michel Bernard, Vice-President, Operations Midwest.

Profile

Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc. is the leader in the Canadian convenience store industry. In North America, Couche-Tard is the third largest convenience store operator, the second largest independent (not integrated with a petroleum company) convenience store operator and the most profitable one within such category. Couche-Tard currently operates a network of 4,861 convenience stores, 3,035 of which include motor fuel dispensing, located in eight large geographic markets, including three in Canada and five, which cover 23 States in the United States. Additionally, the company has 4,175

Circle K licensees, primarily in Asia. Some 36,000 people are employed throughout Couche-Tard's retail convenience network and executive offices.

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