



PRESS RELEASE

Couche-Tard acquires Spectrum Stores a 90 store chain in the Southeast Region (U.S.)

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Laval, April 11, 2006 — Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc. announces that it has signed through its subsidiary, Circle K Stores Inc., an agreement to purchase 90 stores located in major markets throughout the States of Georgia and Alabama from Spectrum Holding, Inc. Should the transaction close as expected in June 2006, these assets would add sales of approximately US \$325 million to Couche-Tard's revenues and contribute to its earnings on an annualized basis. The transaction is subject to standard regulatory approvals and closing conditions. According to a confidentiality agreement between the parties, the purchase price cannot be disclosed at this time. Internal available cash dollars will pay for the transaction.

The 90 stores currently operate under the Spectrum brand. Located in the most highly traveled areas and other highly visible and easily accessible sites, the stores occupy the most strategic real estate in its respective trading areas. Thirty-one of them dispense BP branded fuel, seven other Shell fuel, with the remaining flying the LoBucks and Spectrum proprietary brands. Thirty-five locations have drive-through car washes, 13 quick-service restaurants, seven of which are company-operated. Pursuant to this agreement, the company would buy the land and buildings for 58 of these locations, five fee/lease properties, with the remaining sites under long term leases.

Spectrum Holding, Inc entered the convenience store business in 1965. Albert "Woody" Woodroof, III, Spectrum's Chairman, President and Chief Executive Office, joined Spectrum in 1969 and began to guide it toward the solid growth it has experienced over the last 35 years. Spectrum's commitment to building loyalty and brand value has made it the destination of choice and dominant operator in Columbus and Macon, Georgia, with additional facilities in the high growth cities of Birmingham, Montgomery and Mobile, Alabama.

Trefethen & Company, LLC served as financial advisor to Couche-Tard. Morgan Keegan & Company, Inc. served as financial advisor to Spectrum.

"Strategically, these acquisitions would be an excellent fit with our current network in Georgia and Alabama, and would nicely compliment our expansion and growth plans in the Southeast Division. Spectrum has a tenured, professional leadership team in the field blended with well-maintained facilities and strategic real estate. There are five major metropolitan areas that constitute the majority of Spectrum's locations: Columbus, Macon, Mobile, Birmingham and Montgomery. The remaining stores are located in

communities along key interstate corridors connecting these cities. Consistent with our integration plan, we are continuing to strengthen our base operations, seizing the best expansion opportunities with plans to grow the network to approximately 500 stores within the medium term. Approximately 840 employees would be joining our team to better serve our customers and community. Subsequent to this transaction, our network in the Southeast Division would include a total of 365 stores, and our Florida / Gulf coast Division would gain 8 stores in Mobile, Alabama,” indicated Robert G. Campau, Vice-President Operations, Southeast Division (U.S.).

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 and 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 4,909 convenience stores, 3,028 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. Some 36,000 people are employed throughout Couche-Tard's retail convenience network and executive offices.

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