



PRESS RELEASE

Couche-Tard acquires 6 stores in Florida (U.S.)

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Laval, March 20, 2006 — Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc. announces that it has signed through its subsidiary, Circle K Stores Inc., an agreement to purchase 6 stores in the Tallahassee region of Florida from Capcirc Properties, LLC. Should the transaction close as expected at the beginning of April 2006, these assets would add sales of approximately US \$22 million to Couche-Tard's revenues and contribute to its earnings on an annualized basis.

The 6 convenience stores currently operate under the Stop-N-Save banner and all locations would be converted to the Circle K banner. Pursuant to this transaction, the company would buy the land and buildings for 5 locations, and would lease the other one. According to a confidentiality agreement between the parties, the purchase price cannot be disclosed at this time. Internal cash flow dollars will pay for the transaction.

"Strategically, this acquisition would be an excellent fit with our current network in the Tallahassee region and would nicely complement our expansion and growth plans in both the Florida and Gulf Division and Tallahassee in particular. These additional locations would bring our store count to 23 in the Tallahassee region. Circle K assets in Tallahassee will be remodeled in the near future to reflect the Circle K image that is currently being rolled out in the Florida and Gulf Division," indicated Mick Parker, Vice-President Operations, Florida and Gulf.

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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