





# PRESS RELEASE

# COUCHE-TARD COMPLETES ACQUISITION OF TOPAZ IN IRELAND

**Laval, Québec, Canada** – February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 – Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc. ("**Couche-Tard**") (TSX: ATD.A/ATD.B) confirms that it has closed the acquisition of Topaz Energy Group Ltd. in Ireland ("**Topaz**") as previously announced in December. The transaction has received the appropriate regulatory approvals and all final closing requirements have been completed.

Topaz is the leading convenience and fuel retailer in Ireland, made up of 444 stations across the island of Ireland, including its recently acquired Esso station network. Of these stations, 158 are operated by Topaz and 286 by dealers. The agreement also encompasses a commercial fuels operation, with more than 30 depots and two owned terminals. The Topaz stores, including those recently acquired from Esso, will be rebranded with the new global brand Circle K.

"We are very excited to announce this new addition to the Couche-Tard family," says Brian Hannasch, President and CEO of Couche-Tard. "We are pleased to have closed this transaction in such a timely manner, as it represents an outstanding opportunity for growth. We have been working closely with Topaz and we are ready to support it through the next phase of its development."

## **About Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc.**

Couche-Tard is the leader in the Canadian convenience store industry. In the United States, it is the largest independent convenience store operator in terms of number of company-operated stores. In Europe, Couche-Tard is a leader in convenience store and road transportation fuel retail in the Scandinavian and Baltic countries, with a significant presence in Poland.

As of October 11, 2015, Couche-Tard's network comprised 8,006 convenience stores throughout North America, including 6,579 stores offering road transportation fuel. Its North American network consists of 15 business units, including 11 in the United States covering 41 States and four in Canada covering all ten provinces. About 80,000 people are employed throughout its network and at its service offices in North America.

In Europe, Couche-Tard operates a broad retail network across Scandinavia (Norway, Sweden and Denmark), Poland, the Baltics (Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania) and Russia. As at October 11, 2015, it comprised 2,217 stores, the majority of which offer road transportation fuel and convenience products while the others are unmanned automated service stations which offer road transportation fuel only. The Corporation also offers other products, including







stationary energy, marine fuel and chemicals. Couche-Tard operates key fuel terminals and fuel depots in six European countries. Including employees at Statoil branded franchise stations, about 19,000 people work in its retail network, terminals and service offices across Europe.

In addition, about 4,700 stores are operated by independent operators under the Circle K banner in 13 other countries or regions worldwide (China, Costa Rica, Egypt, Guam, Honduras, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Macau, Malaysia, Mexico, the Philippines, the United Arab Emirates and Vietnam) which brings to more than 14,900 the number of sites in Couche-Tard's network.

For more information about Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc., please visit: http://corpo.couche-tard.com.

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