



PRESS RELEASE

Couche-Tard acquires 24 Stores in the Florida-Gulf Region (U.S.)

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Laval, August 17, 2006 — Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc. announces that it has signed through its subsidiary, Circle K Stores Inc., an agreement to purchase 24 stores in West Central Florida from Sparky's Oil Company. Should the transaction close as expected in October 2006, these assets would add 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. Sparky's total sales for 2005 was about US\$83.9 million. 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 24 convenience stores currently operate under the **Sparky's** banner and are all company operated. Twenty-three of the stores have Shell-branded gasoline and one store is unbranded. There are seven drive through car washes at the locations. The stores will be converted to the Circle K banner and the gas brands will remain intact. In addition, 17 of the stores have quick service restaurants branded Subway (15) and Hungry Howies Pizza (1) both of which are operated under franchise agreements. Sparky's also operates one proprietary deli. Pursuant to this transaction, the company would buy the land and buildings for four locations and would lease the other 20. Trefethen & Company, LLC served as financial advisor to Couche-Tard.

"Subsequent to this transaction, our network in the Florida & Gulf Division would include a total of 570 stores. These stores are located on highly visible and well traveled roads and occupy strategic locations within their respective trade area. Strategically, this acquisition would be an excellent fit with our current network in West Central Florida market and would complement our expansion and growth plans in the Florida-Gulf region," indicated Mick Parker, Vice-President Operations, Florida-Gulf Division.

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 as a publicly traded company. Couche-Tard's current network is comprised of 5,093 convenience stores, 3,168 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

37,000 people are employed throughout Couche-Tard's retail convenience network and executive offices.

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