



PRESS RELEASE

Couche-Tard Acquires 15 Stores in Illinois

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Laval, March 19, 2008 – Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc. announces that it has signed, through its subsidiary Mac's Convenience Stores LLC, an agreement to acquire 15 stores in central Illinois from SPEEDWAY SUPERAMERICA, LLC which does business as Speedway. The transaction is anticipated to close in April, 2008 and is subject to standard regulatory approvals and closing conditions. The company estimates that these acquisitions would contribute positively to its earnings on an annualized basis. 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 15 convenience stores currently operate under the **Speedway** banner and are all company operated. The stores would be converted to the **Marathon** fuel brand and would be operated by the Circle K Midwest Division under the **Circle K**[®] banner. Pursuant to this transaction, the company would buy the land and buildings for 14 locations and would assume the third-party lease for the fifteenth location.

"Subsequent to this transaction, our network in the Circle K Midwest Division would include a total of 354 company operated stores. These 15 stores are located on highly visible and well-traveled roads and occupy strategic locations within their respective trade areas. In addition, these sites are well operated and have a strong management team in place. Strategically, this acquisition is an excellent fit with our network and complement our expansion and growth plans for the Midwest Division," – Darrell Davis, Vice-President Operations, Midwest Division.

Profile

Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc. is the leader in the Canadian convenience store industry. In North America, Couche-Tard is the second largest independent convenience store operator (whether integrated or not with a petroleum company) in terms of number of stores. Couche-Tard currently operates a network of 5,690 convenience stores, 3,440 of which include motor fuel dispensing, located in nine large geographic markets, including six in the United States covering 29 States and three in Canada covering six provinces. Some 45,000 people are employed throughout Couche-Tard's retail convenience network and executive offices.

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