



PRESS RELEASE

Couche-Tard Acquires 13 Stores in Québec

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Laval, February 2, 2009 – Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc. announces that it has signed, through one of its subsidiary, an agreement to acquire 13 stores in the Province of Québec from Exploitation Quali-T Inc. which is part of Group Therrien. The transaction is subject to standard closing conditions. Pétro-T will retain ownership of the properties and Couche-Tard would lease the properties at market value for the next 40 years, and buy the store equipment and inventories by using internal available cash dollars. According to a confidentiality agreement between the parties, the purchase price cannot be disclosed at this time.

The 13 stores are operated by Exploitation Quali-T under the **Pétro-T** brand. All sites sell motor fuel under either the *Pétro-T* or *Esso* brands. Four sites have quick service restaurants (2 *A&W* and 2 *Subway*) and three have car-wash services. Pursuant to the agreement, the stores will be operated under the **Couche-Tard**[®] brand and the motor fuel brands will remain unchanged. It is expected that the average store earnings before interest and taxes would be aligned with Couche-Tard's company operated store performance.

"These 13 stores are located on highly visible and well-traveled roads and occupy strategic locations within their respective trade areas. Strategically, this acquisition is an excellent fit with our network and complement our expansion and growth plans for the Eastern Canada Division," indicated Michel Bernard, Vice-President Operations, Eastern Canada.

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 with a petroleum company or not) in terms of number of stores. Couche-Tard currently operates a network of 5,416 convenience stores, 3,574 of which include motor fuel dispensing, located in 11 large geographic markets, including eight in the United States covering 33 states and three in Canada covering ten provinces. More than 46,000 people are employed throughout Couche-Tard's retail convenience network and service centers.

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