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## ***Petrogas expands operations in the UK***

Petrogas, a leading independently owned forecourt retailer, is expanding in the UK. The company has completed the acquisition of 7 freehold and leasehold sites from Shell and also disposed of 2 sites to Shell. This will increase the number of Petrogas UK sites to 23 by the end of January 2012. New site openings are located mainly in the South of England where Petrogas is currently located.

Petrogas, trading under the name Applegreen, is an award winning organisation. It includes amongst its achievements the NACS International Convenience Retailer of the Year 2010 where it saw off tough competition from around the globe and also holds two Retail Excellence Awards for Company of the Year in 2010 and 2011. The Applegreen brand is synonymous with 'low fuel pricing, always' at the pumps and providing quality food and beverage products at the best value price point in the market.

Michael O' Loughlin, Managing Director for Applegreen UK, commented "Petrogas has been operating in the UK for the last four years, but 2012 is a particularly exciting year for us. We have a strong expansion plan and will look to open a number of Applegreens, whilst also operating other well known oil company forecourt retailer brands. The Company has a very strong focus on customer service and providing customer value and this should be apparent across the network. The Company is a leading innovator in the forecourt retailing market and we're looking forward to investing in these sites and improving services for all our customers".

### **About Petrogas**

Petrogas is a private Company and Ireland's largest independent forecourt retailer with over 90 sites trading in the Republic of Ireland and United Kingdom. It currently employs over 1,200 people and has grown rapidly since its establishment in 1992. A leader in innovation it continues to set standards in the forecourt industry across not only the UK and Ireland but globally.