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Coca-Cola HBC acquires Toma Enterprise to bring a quality, local water source to its portfolio in the Czech Republic

Prague, 26. August 2019 – Coca-Cola HBC Czech Republic and Slovakia announced today the acquisition of Toma Enterprise, producer of spring water Toma Natura in the Czech Republic, from Karlovarské minerální vody, a.s. The transaction includes the production plant with three bottling lines, its 51 employees and existing client and supplier contracts.

"We are delighted to add a local, sustainable source of high-quality waters to our portfolio," said Maria Anargyrou-Nikolić, General Manager of Coca-Cola HBC Czech Republic and Slovakia. "The quality of the water coming from the artesian wells in the Adrspach-Teplice Rocks National Nature Reserve is exceptional and certified for a range of water products, including those for newborn babies." We look forward to welcoming the people of Toma Enterprise to the Coca-Cola HBC family."

"This is a logical step in our 24/7 strategy, which aims to provide our customers and consumers with a complete portfolio of the best beverages for every occasion. Adding another plant in the Czech Republic is also in line with our strategic approach to strengthening localness, which has included major investments in our country operations and business over the past three years."

The spring water source is bottled in a modern production facility in Teplice nad Metují, which was completed in 1993 to bottle local, high-quality spring water under the name

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Natura. The operations were merged with private company Toma in 1997 and sold to

PepsiCo CZ in 2000. Coca-Cola HBC has obtained the right to use the Toma brand for

waters and ice-teas for a transition period of 5 years. The parties in the agreement have

agreed not to disclose the price of the transaction.

Minas Agelidis, Group Regional Director, said "This addition to our Czech and Slovakia

operations underlines our desire to seek out quality, local beverages to grow the

diversity and strength of our portfolio. It also aligns with our hydration strategy of

providing a full range of thirst quenching still drinks to complement our Sparkling

portfolio, while building on our local relevance for consumers. The fact that this water

comes from a source recognised for its natural surroundings in the Czech Republic was

a huge factor in our decision."

Toma Enterprise was owned by Karlovarské minerální vody, a.s. (KMV). The sale is based

on the decision of ÚOHS (Office for the protection of competition) concerning the

acquisition of the licence and assets of PepsiCo in the Czech Republic by KMV.

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