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News Release

Coca-Cola Bottlers Japan announced relocation and reconstruction of its Hongo plant in Mihara City, Hiroshima Prefecture, to resume operations in Spring 2020 at nearby location

Tokyo, Japan, October 31, 2018 – Coca-Cola Bottlers Japan Inc. (“CCBJI”) today announced the relocation of its Hongo plant in Mihara City, Hiroshima Prefecture and plans to build a new plant at a nearby location. The new facility, tentatively referred to as the “Mihara Plant”, will commence operations in Spring 2020. The current Hongo plant was severely damaged by flooding due to heavy rains in Western Japan in July 2018 and has suspended operations since then.

CCBJI acquired the new plant location in Mihara City, Hiroshima from Sharp Corporation, which formerly used the location as its Mihara manufacturing facility. CCBJI will commence construction of its new plant within this year, and plans to commence operations in Spring 2020 with two PET bottle production lines.

CCBJI represents approximately 90% of total sales volume of the Cola-Cola System in Japan and its operations include Tokyo, Osaka, Kyoto and 35 prefectures across Japan. Recovering manufacturing capacity in the Chugoku region, which was severely damaged by the flooding in July, as well as expanding capacity to meet increasing consumer demand of aseptic PET products nationwide are priority issues for CCBJI, which has been investing to progressively expand manufacturing capacity.

CCBJI plans to recover manufacturing capacity in the Chugoku region as early as possible to ensure a stable supply network of our products to customers and consumers. Moreover, this investment in rebuilding the Hongo plant and keeping it in the same local area reinforces our commitment to the deep relationships we have established with local communities over many years, and reflects CCBJI’s management principle of community-based and customer/consumer-centric activities wherever we operate.