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### **Cott Beverages to Expand Upstate Operations**

*Company opening a new \$10-million warehouse and distribution center in Greer*

**GREENVILLE, SC – July 8, 2015** – The Greenville Area Development Corporation (GADC), the County-chartered organization tasked with promoting and enhancing the economic growth of Greenville County, is pleased to announce that [Cott Beverages](#), one of the world’s largest beverage producers, is expanding its existing Greenville County operations with the addition of a new warehouse and distribution center. The new facility represents a \$10-million investment.

Headquartered in Tampa, Fla., the firm was established as Cott Beverages Ltd. in 1955. Since that time, the company and its product line have expanded significantly. Today, Cott operates approximately 60 manufacturing facilities and 180 distribution facilities, employing more than 9,000 workers worldwide. In addition to the multitude of beverages included in the company’s product line, Cott also develops and manufactures beverage concentrates, which it exports to approximately 50 countries around the globe.

“When a company like Cott Beverages decides to invest in South Carolina and our citizens, it’s a testament to our world class workforce and business-friendly environment. This \$10-million investment is a real reason to celebrate throughout South Carolina,” said Governor Nikki Haley.

Expansion of the company’s Greer, S.C. campus, which produces fruit and vegetable juices and beverages for national brand and retailer-brand customers, is being achieved with the opening of this new warehouse and distribution center. Construction of the 190,000-square-foot facility, which will be located adjacent to Cott’s existing manufacturing facility in Greer, S.C., began in September 2014.

“Congratulations to Cott Beverages on the opening of their new warehouse and distribution center. This new facility shows that not only do we make things well in South Carolina, we’re also ideally positioned to move product around to serve our companies’ global customers,” added South Carolina Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt.

The new center will allow the company to better serve its growing customer base while alleviating traffic congestion on local roadways. The facility is expected to eliminate

approximately 30 tractor-trailers per weekday in each direction on Wade Hampton Boulevard between Greer and Taylors, S.C.

“We’re thrilled that Cott Beverages is adding a warehouse and distribution center to their already established manufacturing facility in Greer,” said Dick Wilkerson, Chairman of the [Greenville Area Development Corporation](#). “The decision to stay in Greer and expand capabilities at their existing location reinforces the benefits of doing business in this city and Greenville County.”

“Greer continues to be a hub of choice for enterprise-sized companies,” said Greer Mayor Rick Danner. “Our city’s physical location in the center of the I-85 corridor is a big appeal for companies like Cott Beverages, offering quick and easy access to East Coast customers. We see this expansion, and organic growth from established area businesses, to be a good indication of the overall thriving business climate in the area.”

### **About Cott Beverages**

Cott is one of the world’s largest producers of beverages on behalf of retailers, brand owners and distributors, and has one of the broadest home and office bottled water and office coffee services distribution networks in the United States, with the ability to service approximately 90 percent of U.S. households, as well as national, regional and local offices.

Cott produces multiple types of beverages in a variety of packaging formats and sizes, including carbonated soft drinks, 100% shelf stable juice and juice-based products, clear, still and sparkling flavored waters, energy drinks and shots, sports drinks, new age beverages, ready-to-drink teas, beverage concentrates, liquid enhancers, freezables and ready-to-drink alcoholic beverages, as well as hot chocolate, coffee, malt drinks, creamers/whiteners and cereals. Cott’s large manufacturing footprint, broad distribution network, substantial research and development capability and high-level of quality and customer service enables Cott to offer its customers a strong value-added proposition of low cost, high quality products and services. In addition, Cott is now a national direct-to-consumer provider of bottled water, office coffee and water filtration services offering a comprehensive portfolio of beverage products, equipment and supplies to approximately 1.5 million customer locations through its network of over 180 warehouse, branch and distribution facilities and daily operation of over 2,200 routes.

With over 9,000 employees, Cott operates approximately 60 manufacturing facilities and 180 distribution facilities in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom and Mexico. Cott also develops and manufactures beverage concentrates, which it exports to approximately 50 countries around the world. For more information, visit [www.cott.com](http://www.cott.com).

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The Greenville Area Development Corporation is a non-profit organization established by Greenville County Council to promote and enhance the economic growth and development of Greenville County. Since its founding in 2001, GADC efforts have resulted in the creation of more than 18,500 new jobs and more than \$3 billion in capital investment in Greenville County, SC. To learn more, visit [www.gogadc.com](http://www.gogadc.com) or call (864) 235-2008.