SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

Current Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported):

March 27, 2003

COCA-COLA BOTTLING CO. CONSOLIDATED

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 0-9286 56-0950585

(State or other jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.) of incorporation)

4100 Coca-Cola Plaza, Charlotte, North Carolina 28211 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(704) 557-4400

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Item 5. Other Events and Required FD Disclosure.

On March 21, 2003, Coca-Cola Bottling Co. Consolidated (the "Company") agreed to sell \$100,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 5.30% Senior Notes due 2015 (the "Notes") in a public offering through Salomon Smith Barney Inc., Wachovia Securities, Inc., SunTrust Capital Markets, Inc. and Fleet Securities, Inc. (collectively, the "Underwriters") pursuant to an Underwriting Agreement dated as of March 21, 2003 by and among the Company and Salomon Smith Barney Inc. and Wachovia Securities, Inc. as Representatives of the several underwriters named therein. The closing of the sale of the Notes occurred earlier today. The Notes are registered on a Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-71003) as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Final versions of the Underwriting Agreement and the form of the Notes are filed herewith.

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.

- (a) Financial Statements. Not applicable.
- (b) Pro Forma Financial Information. Not applicable.
- (c) Exhibits. The following exhibits are being filed herewith:
 - 1.1 Underwriting Agreement, dated as of March 21, 2003, by and among the Company and Salomon Smith Barney Inc. and Wachovia Securities, Inc. as Representatives of the several underwriters named therein.
 - 4.1 Form of 5.30% Senior Note Due 2015
 - 5.1 Opinion of Kennedy Covington Lobdell & Hickman, L.L.P.
 - 12.1 Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges
 - 23.1 Consent of Kennedy Covington Lobdell & Hickman, L.L.P.
 (included in Exhibit 5.1)

Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

COCA-COLA BOTTLING CO. CONSOLIDATED (REGISTRANT)

Date: March 27, 2003 BY: /s/ David V. Singer

David V. Singer
Principal Financial Officer of the Registrant
and
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial
Officer

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EXHIBITS

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Coca-Cola Bottling Co. Consolidated

UNDERWRITING AGREEMENT

New York, New York March 21, 2003

Salomon Smith Barney Inc. Wachovia Securities, Inc. As Representatives of the several Underwriters named in Schedule I c/o Salomon Smith Barney Inc. 388 Greenwich Street New York, New York 10013

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Coca-Cola Bottling Co. Consolidated, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), proposes to sell to the underwriters named in Schedule I hereto (the "Underwriters"), for whom you (the "Representatives") are acting as representatives, \$100,000,000 principal amount of its 5.30% Senior Notes due 2015 (the "Securities"). The Securities are to be issued pursuant to an indenture (the "Indenture") dated as of July 20, 1994 between the Company and NationsBank of Georgia, National Association, as trustee (the initial "Trustee"), as supplemented and restated by a Supplemental Indenture dated March 3, 1995 between the Company and the Trustee (all references herein to the "Indenture" are to the Indenture as so supplemented, and all references to the "Trustee" are to Citibank, N.A., which succeeded to all of the rights, powers, duties and obligations of the initial Trustee under the Indenture effective September 15, 1995).

Any reference herein to the Registration Statement, the Basic Prospectus, any Preliminary Final Prospectus or the Final Prospectus shall be deemed to refer to and include the documents incorporated by reference therein pursuant to Item 12 of Form S-3 which were filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") on or before the Effective Date of the Registration Statement or the issue date of the Basic Prospectus, any Preliminary Final Prospectus or the Final Prospectus, as the case may be; and any reference herein to the terms "amend," "amendment" or "supplement" with respect to the Registration Statement, the Basic Prospectus, any Preliminary Final Prospectus or the Final Prospectus shall be deemed to refer to and include the filing of any document under the Exchange Act after the Effective Date of the Registration Statement or the issue date of the Basic Prospectus, any Preliminary Final Prospectus or the Final Prospectus, as the case may be, deemed to be incorporated therein by reference. Certain terms used in this Agreement are defined in Section 16 hereof.

SECTION 1. Representations and Warranties. The Company represents and warrants to, and agrees with, each Underwriter as set forth below in this Section 1.

- (a) The Company meets the requirements for the use of Form S-3 under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Act") and has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") a Registration Statement (File No. 333-71003) on such Form, including a Basic Prospectus, for registration under the Act of the offering and sale of the Securities. The Company may have filed one or more amendments thereto, and may have used a Preliminary Final Prospectus, each of which has previously been furnished to you. Such registration statement, as so amended, has become effective. The offering of the Securities is a delayed offering and, although the Basic Prospectus may not include all the information with respect to the Securities and the offering thereof required by the Act and the rules thereunder to be included in the Final Prospectus, the Basic Prospectus includes all such information required by the Act and the rules thereunder to be included therein as of the Effective Date. The Company will next file with the Commission pursuant to Rules 415 and 424(b)(2) or (5) a final supplement to the form of prospectus included in such registration statement relating to the Securities and the offering thereof. As filed, such final prospectus supplement shall include all required information with respect to the Securities and the offering thereof and, except to the extent the Representatives shall agree in writing to a modification, shall be in all substantive respects in the form furnished to you prior to the Execution Time or, to the extent not completed at the Execution Time, shall contain only such specific additional information and other changes (beyond that contained in the Basic Prospectus and any Preliminary Final Prospectus) as the Company has advised you, prior to the Execution Time, will be included or made therein.
- (b) On the Effective Date, the Registration Statement did or will, and when the Final Prospectus is first filed in accordance Rule 424(b) and on the Closing Date, the Final Prospectus (and any supplement thereto) will, comply in all material respects with the applicable requirements of the Act, the Exchange Act and the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 (the "Trust Indenture Act") and the respective rules thereunder; on the Effective Date, the Registration Statement did not or will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein not misleading; on the Effective Date and on the Closing Date the Indenture did or will comply in all material respects with the requirements of the Trust Indenture Act and the rules thereunder; and, on the Effective Date, the Final Prospectus, if not filed pursuant to Rule 424(b), did not or will not, and on the date of any filing pursuant to Rule 424(b) and on the Closing Date, the Final Prospectus (together with any supplement thereto) will not, include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; provided, however, that the Company makes no representations or warranties as to (i) that part of the Registration Statement which shall constitute the Statement of Eligibility and Qualification (Form T-1) under the Trust Indenture Act of the Trustee or (ii) the information contained in or omitted from the Registration Statement or the Final Prospectus (or any supplement thereto) in reliance upon and in conformity with information furnished in writing to the Company by or on behalf of any Underwriter through the Representatives specifically for inclusion in the Registration Statement or the Final Prospectus (or any supplement thereto).
- (c) Since September 29, 2002, except as otherwise stated in the Registration Statement: (i) there has been no material adverse change in the condition, financial or otherwise, prospects, earnings, business or properties of the Company and its subsidiaries, including Piedmont Coca-Cola Bottling Partnership ("Piedmont"), considered as one enterprise, whether or

not arising in the ordinary course of business (a "Material Adverse Change"), (ii) there have been no transactions entered into by the Company or any of its subsidiaries, other than those in the ordinary course of business, which are material with respect to the Company and its subsidiaries considered as one enterprise and (C) there has been no dividend or distribution of any kind declared, paid or made by the Company on any class of its capital stock, other than regular quarterly dividends declared, paid or made in the ordinary course and consistent with past practices.

- (d) Each of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries has been duly organized or incorporated and is validly existing as a partnership, corporation or limited liability company in good standing under the laws of its respective jurisdiction of organization, with full power and authority to own, lease and operate its properties and conduct its business as described in the Final Prospectus, and is duly qualified or registered to do business as a foreign partnership, corporation or limited liability company and is in good standing under the laws of each jurisdiction which requires such qualification or registration, except where the failure to so qualify or register would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect (as hereinafter defined).
- (e) All of the issued and outstanding shares of capital stock, partnership interests, limited liability company interests or other ownership interests, as the case may be (collectively, the "Ownership Interests"), of each consolidated subsidiary have been duly and validly authorized and issued, and, with respect to each corporate subsidiary, are fully paid and non-assessable, and, except as otherwise set forth in the Final Prospectus, all of the Ownership Interests of each of the consolidated subsidiaries are owned by the Company either directly or through wholly owned subsidiaries free and clear of any perfected security interest or any other security interests, claims, liens or encumbrances.
- (f) The Company's authorized equity capitalization is as set forth in the Final Prospectus.
- (g) There is no franchise, contract or other document of a character required to be described in the Registration Statement or Final Prospectus, or to be filed as an exhibit thereto, which is not described or filed as required.
- (h) This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company.
- (i) The Indenture has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and (assuming due authorization and execution thereof by the Trustee) constitutes a valid and binding agreement of the Company enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, subject to the effects of bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent conveyance, reorganization, moratorium and other similar laws relating to or affecting creditors' rights generally; and the Securities have been duly authorized, and, when duly executed, authenticated, issued and delivered against payment therefor, will be duly and validly issued and outstanding, and will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company entitled to the benefits of the Indenture and enforceable in accordance with their terms, except as enforcement thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent conveyance, reorganization, moratorium and other similar

laws relating to or affecting creditors' rights generally; and the Securities, when issued and delivered, will conform to the description thereof contained in the Final Prospectus.

- (j) The Company is not and, after giving effect to the offering and sale of the Securities and the application of the proceeds thereof as described in the Final Prospectus, will not be an "investment company" as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.
- (k) No consent, approval, authorization, prior filing with or order of any court or governmental agency or body is required in connection with the transactions contemplated herein, except such as have been obtained under the Act and such as may be required under the blue sky laws of any jurisdiction in connection with the purchase and distribution of the Securities by the Underwriters in the manner contemplated herein and in the Final Prospectus.
- (1) Neither the issue and sale of the Securities nor the consummation of any other of the transactions herein contemplated will in any material respects conflict with, or result in a breach or violation or imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance upon any property or assets of the Company or any of its subsidiaries pursuant to, (i) the charter or by-laws of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, (ii) the terms of any indenture, contract, lease, mortgage, deed of trust, note agreement, loan agreement or other agreement, obligation, condition, covenant or instrument to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party or bound or to which its or their property is subject, or (iii) any statute, law, rule, regulation, judgment, order or decree applicable to the Company or any of its subsidiaries of any court, regulatory body, administrative agency, governmental body, arbitrator or other authority having jurisdiction over the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any of its or their properties.
- (m) The consolidated historical financial statements and schedules of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries included or incorporated by reference in the Final Prospectus and the Registration Statement present fairly in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the Company as of the dates and for the periods indicated, comply as to form with the applicable accounting requirements of the Act and have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis throughout the periods involved (except as otherwise noted therein). The pro forma financial information included in the Final Prospectus and the Registration Statement reflects assumptions that provide a reasonable basis for presenting the significant effects directly attributable to the transactions and events described therein, the related pro forma adjustments give appropriate effect to those assumptions, and the pro forma adjustments reflect the proper application of those adjustments to the historical financial statement amounts in the pro forma financial statements included in the Final Prospectus and the Registration Statement. The pro forma financial information included in the Final Prospectus and the Registration Statement complies as to form in all material respects with the applicable accounting requirements of Regulation S-X under the Act and the pro forma adjustments have been properly applied to the historical amounts in the compilation of those statements.
- (n) No action, suit or proceeding by or before any court or governmental agency, authority or body or any arbitrator involving the Company or any of its subsidiaries or its or their property is pending or, to the best knowledge of the Company, threatened that (i) could

reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the performance of this Agreement or the consummation of any of the transactions contemplated hereby or (ii) could reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a material adverse effect on the condition, financial or otherwise, prospects, earnings, business or properties of the Company and its subsidiaries, including Piedmont, considered as one enterprise, whether or not arising in the ordinary course of business (a "Material Adverse Effect"), except as set forth in or contemplated in the Final Prospectus (exclusive of any supplement thereto).

- (o) To the extent such statute is applicable, the Company and each of its subsidiaries has complied with all provisions of Section 517.075 of the Florida Statutes (Chapter 92-198, Laws of Florida), relating to disclosure of doing business with the government of Cuba or with any person or affiliate located in Cuba.
- (p) Neither the Company nor any subsidiary is in violation or default of (i) any provision of its charter or bylaws, (ii) the terms of any indenture, contract, lease, mortgage, deed of trust, note agreement, loan agreement or other agreement, obligation, condition, covenant or instrument to which it is a party or bound or to which its property is subject, or (iii) any statute, law, rule, regulation, judgment, order or decree of any court, regulatory body, administrative agency, governmental body, arbitrator or other authority having jurisdiction over the Company or such subsidiary or any of its properties, as applicable, which violation or default described in clauses (i), (ii) or (iii) would reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect.
- (q) PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, who have certified certain financial statements of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries and delivered their report with respect to the audited consolidated financial statements and schedules included in the Final Prospectus, are independent public accountants with respect to the Company within the meaning of the Act and the applicable published rules and regulations thereunder.
- (r) Except in any case in which the failure so to do would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect or except as set forth in or contemplated in the Final Prospectus (exclusive of any supplement thereto), the Company has filed all foreign, federal, state and local tax returns that are required to be filed or has requested extensions thereof and has paid all taxes required to be paid by it and any other assessment, fine or penalty levied against it, to the extent that any of the foregoing is due and payable, except for any such assessment, fine or penalty that is currently being contested in good faith.
- (s) No labor problem or dispute with the employees of the Company or any of its subsidiaries exists or is threatened or imminent, and the Company is not aware of any existing or imminent labor disturbance by the employees of any of its or its subsidiaries' principal suppliers, contractors or customers, that in any such case referred to in this paragraph (s) would reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect, except as set forth in or contemplated in the Final Prospectus (exclusive of any supplement thereto).
- (t) The Company and its subsidiaries possess all licenses, certificates, permits and other authorizations issued by the appropriate federal, state or foreign regulatory authorities necessary to conduct their respective businesses, and neither the Company nor any such

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subsidiary has received any notice of proceedings relating to the revocation or modification of any such certificate, authorization or permit which, if the subject of an unfavorable decision, ruling or finding, would reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect, except as set forth in or contemplated in the Final Prospectus (exclusive of any supplement thereto).

- (u) The Company has not taken, directly or indirectly, any action designed to or which has constituted or which might reasonably be expected to cause or result, under the Exchange Act or otherwise, in stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of the Securities.
- (v) The Company and its subsidiaries are (i) in compliance with any and all applicable foreign, federal, state and local laws and regulations relating to the protection of human health and safety, the environment or hazardous or toxic substances or wastes, pollutants or contaminants ("Environmental Laws"), (ii) have received and are in compliance with all permits, licenses or other approvals required of them under applicable Environmental Laws to conduct their respective businesses and (iii) have not received notice of any actual or potential liability for the investigation or remediation of any disposal or release of hazardous or toxic substances or wastes, pollutants or contaminants, except where such non-compliance with Environmental Laws, such failure to receive required permits, licenses or other approvals, or such liability would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect, except as set forth in or contemplated in the Final Prospectus (exclusive of any supplement thereto).
- (w) In the ordinary course of its business, the Company periodically reviews the effect of Environmental Laws on the business, operations and properties of the Company and its subsidiaries, in the course of which it identifies and evaluates associated costs and liabilities (including, without limitation, any capital or operating expenditures required for clean-up, closure of properties or compliance with Environmental Laws, or any permit, license or approval, any related constraints on operating activities and any potential liabilities to third parties). On the basis of such review, the Company has reasonably concluded that such associated costs and liabilities would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect, except as set forth in or contemplated in the Final Prospectus (exclusive of any supplement thereto).
- (x) The Company and its subsidiaries own, possess, license or have other rights to use all patents, patent applications, trade and service marks, trade and service mark registrations, trade names, copyrights, licenses, inventions, trade secrets, technology, know-how and other intellectual property (collectively, the "Intellectual Property") necessary in all material respects for the conduct of the Company's business as now conducted or as proposed in the Final Prospectus to be conducted.

Any certificate signed by any officer of the Company and delivered to the Representatives or counsel for the Underwriters in connection with the offering of the Securities shall be deemed a representation and warranty by the Company, as to matters covered thereby, to each Underwriter.

- (a) Subject to the terms and conditions and in reliance upon the representations and warranties herein set forth, the Company agrees to sell to each Underwriter, and each Underwriter agrees, severally and not jointly, to purchase from the Company, at a purchase price of 99.236% of the principal amount thereof, the principal amount of the Securities set forth opposite such Underwriter's name in Schedule I hereto, with the terms of such Securities being as described in the Final Prospectus.
- (b) Upon authorization by the Representatives of the release of the Securities, the several Underwriters propose to offer the Securities for sale to the public upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Final Prospectus.
- SECTION 3. Delivery and Payment. Delivery of and payment for the Securities shall be made at the office of Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw at 9:00 A.M., Chicago time, on the fourth full business day following the date of this Agreement or at such other date or place as shall be determined by agreement between the Representatives and the Company (such date and time of delivery and payment for the Securities being herein called the "Closing Date"). Delivery of the Securities shall be made to the Representatives for the respective accounts of the several Underwriters against payment by the several Underwriters through the Representatives of the purchase price thereof to or upon the order of the Company by wire transfer payable in same day funds to an account specified by the Company. Delivery of the Securities shall be made through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company unless the Representatives shall otherwise instruct. The Company agrees to have the Securities available for inspection, checking and packaging by the Representatives in New York, New York, not later than 1:00 PM on the business day prior to the Closing Date.

SECTION 4. Agreements. The Company agrees with the several Underwriters that:

The Company will use its best efforts to cause the Registration Statement, if not effective at the Execution Time, and any amendment thereto, to become effective. Prior to the termination of the offering of the Securities, the Company will not file any amendment of the Registration Statement or supplement (including the Final Prospectus or any Preliminary Final Prospectus) to the Basic Prospectus unless the Company has furnished you a copy for your review prior to filing and will not file any such proposed amendment or supplement to which you reasonably object. Subject to the foregoing sentence, the Company will cause the Final Prospectus, properly completed, and any supplement thereto to be filed with the Commission pursuant to the applicable paragraph of Rule 424(b) within the time period prescribed and will provide evidence satisfactory to the Representatives of such timely filing. The Company will promptly advise the Representatives (i) when the Registration Statement, if not effective at the Execution Time, and any amendment thereto, shall have become effective, (ii) when the Final Prospectus, and any supplement thereto, shall have been filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b), (iii) when, prior to termination of the offering of the Securities, any amendment to the Registration Statement shall have been filed or become effective, (iv) of any request by the Commission for any amendment of the Registration Statement or supplement to the Final Prospectus or for any additional information, (v) of the issuance by the Commission of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or the institution or threatening

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of any proceeding for that purpose and (vi) of the receipt by the Company of any notification with respect to the suspension of the qualification of the Securities for sale in any jurisdiction or the initiation or threatening of any proceeding for such purpose. The Company will use its best efforts to prevent the issuance of any such stop order or the suspension of any such qualification and, if issued, to obtain as soon as possible the withdrawal thereof.

- (b) If, at any time when a prospectus relating to the Securities is required to be delivered under the Act, any event occurs as a result of which the Final Prospectus as then supplemented would include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary to make the statements therein in the light of the circumstances under which they were made not misleading, or if it shall be necessary to amend the Registration Statement or supplement the Final Prospectus to comply with the Act or the Exchange Act or the respective rules thereunder, the Company promptly will (i) notify the Representatives of such event, (ii) prepare and file with the Commission, subject to the second sentence of paragraph (a) of this Section 4, an amendment or supplement which will correct such statement or omission or effect such compliance and (iii) supply any supplemented Prospectus to you in such quantities as you may reasonably request.
- (c) As soon as practicable, the Company will make generally available to its security holders and to the Representatives an earning statement or statements of the Company and its subsidiaries which will satisfy the provisions of Section 11(a) of the Act and Rule 158 under the Act.
- (d) The Company will furnish to the Representatives and counsel for the Underwriters, without charge, copies of the Registration Statement (including exhibits thereto) and, so long as delivery of a prospectus by an Underwriter or dealer may be required by the Act, as many copies of any Preliminary Final Prospectus and the Final Prospectus and any supplement thereto as the Representatives may reasonably request. The Company will pay the expenses of printing or other production of all documents relating to the offering.
- (e) The Company will arrange for the qualification of the Securities for sale under the laws of such jurisdictions as the Representatives may designate (provided, however, that in connection therewith, the Company will not be required to (i) qualify generally to do business in any jurisdiction where it is not then so qualified, (ii) subject itself to taxation in any such jurisdiction or (iii) consent to general service of process in any such jurisdiction where it is not then so subject), will maintain such qualifications in effect so long as required for the distribution of the Securities, and will pay any fee of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., in connection with its review, if any, of the offering.
- (f) Until the date immediately following the Closing Date, the Company will not, without the prior written consent of the Representatives, offer, sell, contract to sell or otherwise dispose of, directly or indirectly, or announce the offering of any debt securities issued or guaranteed by the Company (other than the Securities).
- (g) The Company will not take, directly or indirectly, any action designed to or which has constituted or which might reasonably be expected to cause or result, under the Exchange

Act or otherwise, in stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of the Securities.

- SECTION 5. Conditions to the Obligations of the Underwriters. The obligations of the Underwriters to purchase the Securities shall be subject to the accuracy of the representations and warranties on the part of the Company contained herein as of the Execution Time and the Closing Date, to the accuracy of the statements of the Company made in any certificates pursuant to the provisions hereof, to the performance by the Company of its obligations hereunder and to the following additional conditions:
- (a) If the Registration Statement has not become effective prior to the Execution Time, unless the Representatives agree in writing to a later time, the Registration Statement will become effective not later than (i) 6:00 PM New York City time, on the date of determination of the public offering price, if such determination occurred at or prior to 3:00 PM New York City time on such date or (ii) 9:30 AM New York City time on the business day following the day on which the public offering price was determined, if such determination occurred after 3:00 PM New York City time on such date; if filing of the Final Prospectus, or any supplement thereto, is required pursuant to Rule 424(b), the Final Prospectus, and any such supplement, will be filed in the manner and within the time period required by Rule 424(b); and no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement shall have been issued and no proceedings for that purpose shall have been instituted or threatened.
- (b) The Company shall have furnished to the Representatives the written opinion of Kennedy Covington Lobdell & Hickman, L.L.P., counsel for the Company, dated the Closing Date and addressed to the Underwriters, in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- (c) The Representatives shall have received from Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw, counsel or the Underwriters, such opinion or opinions, dated the Closing Date and addressed to the Representatives, with respect to the issuance and sale of the Securities, the Indenture, the Registration Statement, the Final Prospectus (together with any supplement thereto) and other related matters as the Representatives may reasonably require, and the Company shall have furnished to such counsel such documents as they request for the purpose of enabling them to pass upon such matters.
- (d) The Company shall have furnished to the Representatives a certificate of the Company, signed by the Chairman of the Board or the President and the principal financial or accounting officer of the Company, dated the Closing Date, to the effect that the signers of such certificate have carefully examined the Registration Statement, the Final Prospectus, any supplement to the Final Prospectus and this Agreement and that:
 - (i) the representations and warranties of the Company in this Agreement are true and correct in all material respects on and as of the Closing Date with the same effect as if made on the Closing Date and the Company has complied with all the agreements and satisfied all the conditions on its part to be performed or satisfied at or prior to the Closing Date;

- (ii) no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement has been issued and no proceedings for that purpose have been instituted or, to the Company's knowledge, threatened; and
- (iii) since the date of the most recent financial statements included in the Final Prospectus (exclusive of any supplement thereto), there has been no Material Adverse Change, except as set forth in or contemplated in the Final Prospectus (exclusive of any supplement thereto).
- (e) The Company shall have requested and caused PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP to have furnished to the Representatives, at the Execution Time and at the Closing Date, letters, dated respectively as of the Execution Time and as of the Closing Date, in form and substance satisfactory to the Representatives, confirming that they are independent accountants within the meaning of the Act and the Exchange Act and the respective applicable rules and regulations adopted by the Commission thereunder and that they have performed the procedures specified by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants for a review of interim financial information in accordance with, and described in, Statement of Auditing Standards No. 71 for the latest unaudited financial statements included or incorporated in the Registration Statement or the Final Prospectus, and stating in effect that:
 - (i) in their opinion the audited financial statements and financial statement schedules and any pro forma financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries, including Piedmont, included or incorporated in the Registration Statement and the Final Prospectus and reported on by them comply in form in all material respects with the applicable accounting requirements of the Act and the Exchange Act and the related published rules and regulations;
 - (ii) on the basis of a reading of the latest unaudited financial statements made available by the Company and its subsidiaries, including Piedmont; their limited review, in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants under Statement of Auditing Standards No. 71, of the unaudited interim financial information of the Company and its subsidiaries, including Piedmont; carrying out certain specified procedures (but not an examination in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards) which would not necessarily reveal matters of significance with respect to the comments set forth in such letter; a reading of the minutes of the meetings of the stockholders, directors and the executive, finance, audit, pension and compensation committees of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries and of the partnership proceedings of Piedmont; and inquiries of certain officials of the Company and its subsidiaries, including Piedmont, who have responsibility for financial and accounting matters of the Company and its subsidiaries, including Piedmont, as to transactions and events subsequent to the date of the most recent audited financial statements in or incorporated in the Final Prospectus, nothing came to their attention which caused them to believe that:
 - (1) any unaudited financial statements included or incorporated in the Registration Statement and the Final Prospectus do not comply in form in all material respects with applicable accounting requirements and with the published

rules and regulations of the Commission with respect to financial statements included or incorporated in quarterly reports on Form 10-Q under the Exchange Act; or that said unaudited financial statements are not in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis substantially consistent with that of the audited financial statements included or incorporated in the Registration Statement and the Final Prospectus;

- (2) with respect to the period subsequent to the date of the most recent financial statements (other than any capsule information), audited or unaudited, included or incorporated in the Registration Statement and the Final Prospectus, there were any increases, at a specified date not more than five business days prior to the date of the letter, in the long-term debt of the Company and its subsidiaries, including Piedmont, or capital stock of the Company, or decreases in the stockholders' equity of the Company as compared with the amounts shown on the most recent consolidated balance sheet included or incorporated in the Registration Statement and the Final Prospectus, or for the period from the date of the most recent financial statements included or incorporated in the Registration Statement and the Final Prospectus to such specified date there were any decreases, as compared with the corresponding period in the preceding year in net sales, gross margin, income from operations, income before income taxes and effect of accounting changes or in total or per share amounts of net income applicable to common stockholders of the Company and its subsidiaries, except in all instances for changes or decreases set forth in such letter, in which case the letter shall be accompanied by an explanation by the Company as to the significance thereof unless said explanation is not deemed necessary by the Representatives:
- (3) the amounts included in any unaudited "capsule" information included or incorporated in the Registration Statement and the Final Prospectus do not agree with the amounts set forth in the unaudited financial statements for the same periods or were not determined on a basis substantially consistent with that of the corresponding amounts in the audited financial statements included or incorporated in the Registration Statement and the Final Prospectus;
- (iii) they have performed certain other specified procedures as a result of which they determined that certain information of an accounting, financial or statistical nature (which is limited to accounting, financial or statistical information derived from the general accounting records of the Company and its subsidiaries, including Piedmont) set forth in the Registration Statement and the Final Prospectus and in Exhibit 12 to the Registration Statement, including the information included or incorporated in Items 1, 2, 6 and 7 of the Company's Annual report on Form 10-K, incorporated in the Registration Statement and the Final Prospectus, and the information included in the "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" included or incorporated in the Company's Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and the Final Prospectus, agrees with the accounting records of the Company and its subsidiaries, including Piedmont, excluding any questions of legal interpretation; and

(iv) if unaudited pro forma financial statements are included or incorporated in the Registration Statement and the Final Prospectus, on the basis of a reading of the unaudited pro forma financial statements, carrying out certain specified procedures, inquiries of certain officials of the Company and its subsidiaries, including Piedmont, who have responsibility for financial and accounting matters, and proving the arithmetic accuracy of the application of the pro forma adjustments to the historical amounts in the pro forma financial statements, nothing came to their attention which caused them to believe that the pro forma financial statements do not comply in form in all material respects with the applicable accounting requirements of Rule 11-02 of Regulation S-X or that the pro forma adjustments have not been properly applied to the historical amounts in the compilation of such statements.

References to the Final Prospectus in this paragraph (e) include any supplement thereto at the date of the letter.

- (f) Subsequent to the Execution Time or, if earlier, the dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement (exclusive of any amendment thereof) and the Final Prospectus (exclusive of any supplement thereto), there shall not have been (i) any change or decrease specified in the letter or letters referred to in paragraph (e) of this Section 5 or (ii) any change, or any development involving a prospective change, in or affecting the condition, financial or otherwise, prospects, earnings, business or properties of the Company and its subsidiaries, including Piedmont, whether or not arising from transactions in the ordinary course of business, the effect of which, in any case referred to in clause (i) or (ii) above, is, in the judgment of the Representatives, so material and adverse as to make it impractical or inadvisable to proceed with the offering or delivery of the Securities as contemplated by the Registration Statement (exclusive of any amendment thereof) and the Final Prospectus (exclusive of any supplement thereto).
- (g) Subsequent to the Execution Time, there shall not have been any decrease in the rating of any of the Company's debt securities by any "nationally recognized statistical rating organization" (as defined for purpose of Rule 436(g) under the Act) or any notice given of any intended or potential decrease in any such rating or of a possible change in any such rating that does not indicate the direction of the possible change.
- (h) Prior to the Closing Date, the Company shall have furnished to the Representatives such further legal opinions, information, certificates and documents as the Representatives may reasonably request in order to evidence or confirm the accuracy of the Company's representations and warranties set forth herein, the performance by the Company of its obligations hereunder to be performed at or before the Closing Date, and the fulfillment of the conditions set forth herein.

If any of the conditions specified in this Section 5 shall not have been fulfilled in all material respects when and as provided in this Agreement, or if any of the opinions and certificates mentioned above or elsewhere in this Agreement shall not be in all material respects reasonably satisfactory in form and substance to the Representatives and counsel for the Underwriters, this Agreement and all obligations of the Underwriters hereunder may be canceled

at, or at any time prior to, the Closing Date by the Representatives. Notice of such cancellation shall be given to the Company in writing or by telephone or facsimile confirmed in writing.

The documents required to be delivered by this Section 5 shall be delivered at the office of Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw, counsel for the Underwriters, at 190 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL 60603, on the Closing Date.

SECTION 6. Reimbursement of Underwriters' Expenses. If the sale of the Securities provided for herein is not consummated because any condition to the obligations of the Underwriters set forth in Section 5 hereof is not satisfied, because of any termination pursuant to Section 9 hereof or because of any refusal, inability or failure on the part of the Company to perform any agreement herein or comply with any provision hereof other than by reason of a default by any of the Underwriters, the Company will reimburse the Underwriters severally upon demand for all out-of-pocket expenses (including reasonable fees and disbursements of one Underwriters' counsel and one local counsel in each jurisdiction) that shall have been incurred by them in connection with the proposed purchase and sale of the Securities.

SECTION 7. Indemnification and Contribution.

The Company agrees to indemnify and hold harmless each Underwriter, the directors, officers, employees and agents of each Underwriter and each person who controls any Underwriter within the meaning of either the Act or the Exchange Act against any and all losses, claims, damages or liabilities, joint or several, to which they or any of them may become subject under the Act, the Exchange Act or other Federal or state statutory law or regulation, at common law or otherwise, insofar as such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the registration statement for the registration of the Securities as originally filed or in any amendment thereof, or in the Basic Prospectus, any Preliminary Final Prospectus or the Final Prospectus, or in any amendment thereof or supplement thereto, or arise out of or are based upon the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, and agrees to reimburse each such indemnified party, as incurred, for any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by them in connection with investigating or defending any such loss, claim, damage, liability or action; provided, however, that (i) the Company will not be liable in any such case to the extent that any such loss, claim, damage or liability arises out of or is based upon any such untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission made therein in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by or on behalf of any Underwriter through the Representatives specifically for inclusion therein, and (ii) such indemnity with respect to any Preliminary Final Prospectus shall not inure to the benefit of any Underwriter (or any person controlling such Underwriter) from whom the person asserting any such loss, claim, damage or liability purchased the Securities which are the subject thereof if such person did not receive a copy of the Final Prospectus (or the Final Prospectus as supplemented), excluding documents incorporated therein by reference, at or prior to the confirmation of the sale of such Securities to such person in any case where such delivery is required by the Act and the untrue statement or omission of a material fact contained in such Preliminary Final Prospectus was corrected in the Final Prospectus (or the Final Prospectus as

supplemented). This indemnity agreement will be in addition to any liability which the Company may otherwise have.

- Each Underwriter severally and not jointly agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Company, each of its directors, each of its officers who signs the Registration Statement, and each person who controls the Company within the meaning of either the Act or the Exchange Act, to the same extent as the foregoing indemnity from the Company to each Underwriter, but only with reference to written information relating to such Underwriter furnished to the Company by or on behalf of such Underwriter through the Representatives specifically for inclusion in the documents referred to in the foregoing indemnity. This indemnity agreement will be in addition to any liability which any Underwriter may otherwise have. The Company acknowledges that, set forth under the heading "Underwriting" in the Final Prospectus, (i) the list of Underwriters and their respective participation in the sale of the Securities, (ii) the sentences related to concessions and reallowances and (iii) the paragraphs related to stabilization, syndicate covering transactions and penalty bids constitute the only information furnished in writing by or on behalf of the several Underwriters for inclusion in any Preliminary Prospectus or the Final Prospectus.
- Promptly after receipt by an indemnified party under this Section 7 of notice of the commencement of any action, such indemnified party will, if a claim in respect thereof is to be made against the indemnifying party under this Section 7, notify the indemnifying party in writing of the commencement thereof; but the failure so to notify the indemnifying party (i) will not relieve it from liability under paragraph (a) or (b) above unless and to the extent it did not otherwise learn of such action and such failure results in the forfeiture by the indemnifying party of substantial rights and defenses and (ii) will not, in any event, relieve the indemnifying party from any obligations to any indemnified party other than the indemnification obligation provided in paragraph (a) or (b) above. The indemnifying party shall be entitled to appoint counsel of the indemnifying party's choice at the indemnifying party's expense to represent the indemnified party in any action for which indemnification is sought (in which case the indemnifying party shall not thereafter be responsible for the fees and expenses of any separate counsel retained by the indemnified party or parties except as set forth below); provided, however, that such counsel shall be reasonably satisfactory to the indemnified party. Notwithstanding the indemnifying party's election to appoint counsel to represent the indemnified party in an action, the indemnified party shall have the right to employ one separate counsel (including local counsel), and the indemnifying party shall bear the reasonable fees, costs and expenses of such separate counsel if (i) the use of counsel chosen by the indemnifying party to represent the indemnified party would present such counsel with a conflict of interest, (ii) the actual or potential defendants in, or targets of, any such action include both the indemnified party and the indemnifying party and the indemnified party shall have reasonably concluded that there may be legal defenses available to it and/or other indemnified parties which are different from or additional to those available to the indemnifying party, (iii) the indemnifying party shall not have employed counsel reasonably satisfactory to the indemnified party to represent the indemnified party within a reasonable time after notice of the institution of such action or (iv) the indemnifying party shall authorize the indemnified party to employ separate counsel at the expense of the indemnifying party. An indemnifying party will not, without the prior written consent of the indemnified parties, settle or compromise or consent to the entry of any judgment with respect to any pending or threatened claim, action, suit or proceeding in respect of which indemnification or

contribution may be sought hereunder (whether or not the indemnified parties are actual or potential parties to such claim or action) unless such settlement, compromise or consent includes an unconditional release of each indemnified party from all liability arising out of such claim, action, suit or proceeding.

In the event that the indemnity provided in paragraph (a) or (b) of this Section 7 is unavailable to or insufficient to hold harmless an indemnified party for any reason, the Company and the Underwriters agree to contribute to the aggregate losses, claims, damages and liabilities (including legal or other expenses reasonably incurred in connection with investigating or defending same) that would otherwise be subject to indemnity pursuant to paragraph (a) or (b) above (collectively "Losses") to which the Company and one or more of the Underwriters may be subject in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the Company on the one hand and by the Underwriters on the other from the offering of the Securities; provided, however, that in no such case shall any Underwriter (except as may be provided in any agreement among underwriters relating to the offering of the Securities) be responsible for any amount in excess of the underwriting discount or commission applicable to the Securities purchased by such Underwriter hereunder nor shall the Company be required to contribute to any Losses for which it would not be required to provide indemnity pursuant to paragraph (a) above. If the allocation provided by the immediately preceding sentence is unavailable for any reason, the Company and the Underwriters severally shall contribute in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only such relative benefits but also the relative fault of the Company on the one hand and of the Underwriters on the other in connection with the statements or omissions which resulted in such Losses as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. Benefits received by the Company shall be deemed to be equal to the total net proceeds from the offering (before deducting expenses) received by it, and benefits received by the Underwriters shall be deemed to be equal to the total underwriting discounts and commissions, in each case as set forth on the cover page of the Final Prospectus. Relative fault shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether any untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or the omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information provided by the Company on the one hand or the Underwriters on the other, the intent of the parties and their relative knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such untrue statement or omission. The Company and the Underwriters agree that it would not be just and equitable if contribution were determined by pro rata allocation or any other method of allocation which does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to above. Notwithstanding the provisions of this paragraph (d), no person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation. For purposes of this Section 7, each person who controls an Underwriter within the meaning of either the Act or the Exchange Act and each director, officer, employee and $\bar{a}gent$ of an Underwriter shall have the same rights to contribution as such Underwriter, and each person who controls the Company within the meaning of either the Act or the Exchange Act, each officer of the Company who shall have signed the Registration Statement and each director of the Company shall have the same rights to contribution as the Company, subject in each case to the applicable terms and conditions of this paragraph (d).

SECTION 8. Default by an Underwriter. If any one or more Underwriters shall fail to purchase and pay for any of the Securities agreed to be purchased by such Underwriter or Underwriters

hereunder and such failure to purchase shall constitute a default in the performance of its or their obligations under this Agreement, the remaining Underwriters shall be obligated severally to take up and pay for (in the respective proportions which the amount of Securities set forth opposite their names in Schedule I hereto bears to the aggregate principal amount of Securities set forth opposite the names of all the remaining Underwriters) the Securities which the defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters agreed but failed to purchase; provided, however, that in the event that the aggregate amount or number of Securities which the defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters agreed but failed to purchase shall exceed 10% of the aggregate principal amount of Securities set forth in Schedule I hereto, the remaining Underwriters shall have the right to purchase all, but shall not be under any obligation to purchase any, of the Securities, and if such nondefaulting Underwriters do not purchase all the Securities, this Agreement will terminate without liability to any nondefaulting Underwriter or the Company. In the event of a default by any Underwriter as set forth in this Section 8, the Closing Date shall be postponed for such period, not exceeding five business days, as the Representatives shall determine in order that the required changes in the Registration Statement and the Final Prospectus or in any other documents or arrangements may be effected. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall relieve any defaulting Underwriter of its liability, if any, to the Company and any nondefaulting Underwriter for damages occasioned by its default hereunder.

SECTION 9. Termination. This Agreement shall be subject to termination in the absolute discretion of the Representatives, by notice given to the Company prior to delivery of and payment for the Securities, if at any time after the Execution Time and prior to such time (i) there has been any Material Adverse Change, (ii) trading in the Company's Common Stock shall have been suspended by the Commission or the National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotation National Market System or trading in securities generally on the New York Stock Exchange or National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotation National Market System shall have been suspended or limited or minimum prices shall have been established on such Exchange or market system, (iii) a banking moratorium shall have been declared either by Federal or New York State authorities or (iv) there shall have occurred any outbreak or escalation of hostilities, declaration by the United States of a national emergency or war or other calamity or crisis the effect of which on financial markets is such as to make it, in the judgment of the Representatives, impracticable or inadvisable to proceed with the offering or delivery of the Securities as contemplated by the Final Prospectus (exclusive of any supplement thereto).

SECTION 10. Representations and Indemnities to Survive. The respective agreements, representations, warranties, indemnities and other statements of the Company or its officers and of the Underwriters set forth in or made pursuant to this Agreement will remain in full force and effect, regardless of any investigation made by or on behalf of any Underwriter or the Company or any of the officers, directors or controlling persons referred to in Section 7 hereof, and will survive delivery of and payment for the Securities. The provisions of Sections 6 and 7 hereof shall survive the termination or cancellation of this Agreement.

SECTION 11. Notices. All communications hereunder will be in writing and effective only on receipt, and, if sent to the Representatives, will be mailed, delivered or telecopied to the Salomon Smith Barney Inc. General Counsel (fax no.: 212.816.7912) and confirmed to the General Counsel, Salomon Smith Barney Inc., at 388 Greenwich Street, New York, New York, 10013

Attention: General Counsel; or, if sent to the Company, will be mailed, delivered or telecopied to the Company's Treasurer (fax no.: 704.557.4451) and confirmed to it at Coca-Cola Corporate Center, 4100 Coca-Cola Plaza, Charlotte, NC 28211, attention of the Treasurer, with a copy sent to the Company's counsel, Kennedy Covington Lobdell & Hickman, L.L.P., at Hearst Tower, 214 N. Tryon Street, 47/th/ Floor, Charlotte, NC 28202.

- SECTION 12. Successors. This Agreement will inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective successors and the officers and directors and controlling persons referred to in Section 7 hereof, and no other person will have any right or obligation hereunder.
- SECTION 13. Applicable Law. This Agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York without reference to principles of conflicts of laws.
- SECTION 14. Counterparts. This Agreement may be signed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original and all of which together shall constitute one and the same agreement.
- SECTION 15. Headings. The section headings used herein are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction hereof.
- SECTION 16. Definitions. The terms which follow, when used in this Agreement, shall have the meanings indicated.
- (a) "Basic Prospectus" shall mean the prospectus referred to in Section 1(a) above contained in the Registration Statement at the Effective Date.
- (b) "Effective Date" shall mean each date that the Registration Statement and any post-effective amendment or amendments thereto became or become effective and each date after the date hereof on which a document incorporated by reference in the Registration statement is filed.
- (c) "Execution Time" shall mean the date and time that this Agreement is executed and delivered by the parties hereto.
- (d) "Final Prospectus" shall mean the prospectus supplement relating to the Securities that is first filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) after the Execution Time, together with the Basic Prospectus included in the Registration Statement at the Effective Date.
- (e) "Preliminary Final Prospectus" shall mean any preliminary prospectus supplement to the Basic Prospectus which describes the Securities and the offering thereof and is used prior to filing of the Final Prospectus.
- (f) "Registration Statement" shall mean the registration statement referred to in Section 1(a), including incorporated documents, exhibits and financial statements, as amended at the Execution Time and, in the event any post-effective amendment thereto becomes effective

(g) "Rule 415," "Rule 424" and "Regulation S-K" refer to such rules or regulation under the Act. $\,$

If the foregoing is in accordance with your understanding of our agreement, please sign and return to us the enclosed duplicate hereof, whereupon this letter and your acceptance shall represent a binding agreement among the Company and the several Underwriters.

Very truly yours,

Coca-Cola Bottling Co. Consolidated

By: /s/ Clifford M. Deal, III

Name: Clifford M. Deal, III Title: Vice President & Treasurer

The foregoing Agreement is hereby confirmed and accepted as of the date first above written.

SALOMON SMITH BARNEY INC. WACHOVIA SECURITIES, INC.

BY: SALOMON SMITH BARNEY INC.

By: /s/ Darin Baur

Name: Darin Baur Title: Vice President

For itself and the other Underwriters named in Schedule I attached hereto.

SCHEDULE I

Underwriters	Principal Amount of Securities to be Purchased
Salomon Smith Barney Inc	\$ 52,500,000 30,000,000 12,500,000 5,000,000
Total	\$100,000,000 ======

Unless this certificate is presented by an authorized representative of the Depository Trust Company, a New York corporation (`DTC"), to the Company or its agent for registration of transfer, exchange, or payment, and any certificate issued is registered in the name of Cede & Co. or in such other name as is requested by an authorized representative of DTC (and any payment is made to Cede & Co. or to such other entity as is requested by an authorized representative of DTC), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE, OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL inasmuch as the registered owner hereof, Cede & Co., has an interest herein.

COCA-COLA BOTTLING CO. CONSOLIDATED 5.30% SENIOR NOTES DUE 2015 (Hereinafter, "Securities") CUSIP No. 191098 AF 9

\$100,000,000

COCA-COLA BOTTLING CO. CONSOLIDATED, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware (herein called the "Company," which term includes any successor corporation under the Indenture hereinafter referred to), for value received, hereby promises to pay to Cede & Co., or registered assigns, the principal sum of One Hundred Million Dollars (\$100,000,000) on April 1, 2015, and to pay interest thereon from March 27, 2003 or from the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, semi-annually on April 1 and October 1 in each year, commencing October 1, 2003 at the rate of 5.30% per annum, until the principal hereof is paid or made available for payment, and (to the extent that the payment of such interest shall be legally enforceable) at the rate of 5.30% per annum on any overdue principal and premium and on any overdue installment of interest. Interest payments on this Security will be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months. The interest so payable, and punctually paid or duly provided for, on any Interest Payment Date will, as provided in the Indenture, be paid to the Person in whose name this Security (or one or more Predecessor Securities) is registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date for such interest, which shall be the March 15 or September 15 (whether or not a Business Day), as the case may be, next preceding such Interest Payment Date. Any such interest not so punctually paid or duly provided for will forthwith cease to be payable to the Holder on such Regular Record Date and may either be paid to the Person in whose name this Security (or one or more Predecessor Securities) is registered at the close of business on a Special Record Date for the payment of such Defaulted Interest to be fixed by the Trustee, notice whereof shall be given to each Holder of Securities of this series not less than 11 days prior to such Special Record Date, or be paid at any time in any other lawful manner not inconsistent with the requirements of any securities exchange on which the Securities of this series may be listed, and upon such notice as may be required by such exchange, all as more fully provided in the Indenture.

Payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and any such interest on this Security will be made at the office or agency of the Company maintained for that purpose in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York, New York, in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts; provided, however, that at the option of the Company payment of interest may be made by check

mailed to the address of the Person entitled thereto as such address shall appear in the Security Register.

The Indenture contains provisions for defeasance at any time of (a) the entire indebtedness represented by this Security and (b) certain restrictive covenants, in each case upon compliance by the Company with certain conditions set forth therein, which provisions apply to this Security.

Securities of this series will be redeemable, as a whole or in part, at the option of the Company, at any time or from time to time, on at least 30 days, but not more than 60 days, prior notice mailed to the registered address of each Holder of Securities of this series. The redemption prices will be equal to the greater of (1) 100% of the principal amount of the Securities of this series being redeemed or (2) the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments discounted, on a semiannual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months), at a rate equal to the sum of the Treasury Rate (as defined below) plus 20 basis points. In the case of each of clause (1) and (2), accrued interest will be payable to the redemption date.

"Treasury Rate" means, with respect to any redemption date, the rate per annum equal to the semiannual equivalent yield to maturity of the Comparable Treasury Issue, assuming a price for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the Comparable Treasury Price for such redemption date.

"Comparable Treasury Issue" means the United States Treasury security selected by a Reference Treasury Dealer as having a maturity comparable to the remaining term of Securities of this series that would be utilized, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financial practice, in pricing new issues of corporate debt securities of comparable maturity to the remaining term of Securities of this series.

"Comparable Treasury Price" means, with respect to any redemption date, (A) the average of the Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations for such redemption date, after excluding the highest and lowest such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, (B) if the Trustee obtains fewer than three such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, the average of all such quotations or (C) if only one Reference Treasury Dealer Quotation is received, such quotation.

"Reference Treasury Dealer" means (1) Salomon Smith Barney, Inc. or Wachovia Securities, Inc. (or their respective affiliates which are Primary Treasury Dealers) and their respective successors; provided, however, that if any of the foregoing shall cease to be a primary U.S. Government securities dealer in New York City (a "Primary Treasury Dealer"), the Company will substitute therefore another Primary Treasury Dealer; and (2) any other Primary Treasury Dealer(s) selected by the Company.

"Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations" means, with respect to each Reference Treasury Dealer and any redemption date, the average, as determined by the Trustee, of the bid and asked prices for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount) quoted in writing to the Trustee by such Reference Treasury Dealer at 3:30 p.m., New York City time, on the third business day preceding such redemption date.

On and after the redemption date, interest will cease to accrue on Securities of this series called for redemption (unless the Company defaults in the payment of the redemption price and

accrued interest). On or before the redemption date, the Company will deposit with a paying agent (or the Trustee) money sufficient to pay the redemption price and accrued interest on the Securities of this series to be redeemed on such date. If less than all of the Securities of this series are to be redeemed, the Securities of this series to be redeemed shall be selected by the Trustee by such method as the Trustee shall deem fair and appropriate.

This Security is one of a duly authorized issue of securities of the Company, issuable in one or more series under an Indenture, dated as of July 20, 1994, as supplemented and restated by a Supplemental Indenture dated March 3, 1995 (as supplemented, herein called the "Indenture"), between the Company and NationsBank of Georgia, National Association, as Trustee (herein called the "Trustee", which term includes Citibank, N.A., which succeeded to all of the rights, powers, duties and obligations of the initial trustee under the Indenture by agreement of all parties, effective September 15, 1995, as well as any subsequent successor trustee under the Indenture), to which Indenture and all indentures supplemental thereto reference is hereby made for a statement of the respective rights, limitations of rights, duties and immunities thereunder of the Company, the Trustee and the Holders of this Security and of the terms upon which this Security is, and is to be, authenticated and delivered. This security is one of the series designated on the face hereof currently limited in aggregate principal amount to \$100,000,000.

The Company may, from time to time, subject to compliance with the applicable provisions of the Indenture, without giving notice to or seeking the consent of the Holders, create and issue additional securities having a ranking, interest rate, maturity and other terms and conditions identical to those of this Security except for the issue date and any other terms specified by the Company in order to facilitate the original issuance of such other securities. Any such securities will, to the extent the Company so provides, constitute a single series of securities under the Indenture.

If an Event of Default with respect to this Security shall occur and be continuing, the principal of this Security may be declared due and payable in the manner and with the effect provided in the Indenture.

The Indenture permits, with certain exceptions as therein provided, the amendment thereof and the modification of the rights and obligations of the Company and the rights of the Holders of the Securities of each series to be affected under the Indenture at any time by the Company and the Trustee with the consent of the Holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the Securities at the time Outstanding of each series affected. The Indenture also contains provisions permitting the Holders of specified percentages in principal amount of the Securities of each series at the time Outstanding, on behalf of the Holders of all Securities of such series, to waive compliance by the Company with certain provisions of the Indenture and certain past defaults under the Indenture and their consequences. Any such consent or waiver by the Holder of this Security shall be conclusive and binding upon such Holder and upon all future Holders of this Security and of any Security issued upon the registration of transfer hereof or in exchange herefor or in lieu hereof whether or not notation of such consent or waiver is made upon this Security.

No reference herein to the Indenture and no provision of this Security or of the Indenture shall alter or impair the right of the Holder of this Security, which is absolute and unconditional, to receive payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and, subject to Section 307 of the

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Indenture, interest on this Security at the times, place and rate, and in the coin or currency, herein prescribed.

As long as this Security is represented in global form registered in the name of the Depositary or its nominee (a "Global Security"), except as provided in the Indenture, and subject to certain limitations therein set forth, no Global Security shall be exchangeable or transferable, except as a whole, by the Depositary to a nominee of the Depositary or by a nominee of the Depositary to another nominee of the Depositary or by the Depositary or any such nominee to a successor Depositary or a nominee of such successor depositary.

The Securities of this series are issuable only in registered form without coupons in denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

No service charge shall be made for any such registration of transfer or exchange, but the Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection therewith.

Prior to due presentment of this Security for registration of transfer, the Company, the Trustee and any agent of the Company or the Trustee may treat the Person in whose name this Security is registered as the owner hereof for all purposes, whether or not this Security be overdue, and neither the Company, the Trustee nor any such agent shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

All terms used in this Security which are defined in the Indenture shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture.

Unless the certificate of authentication hereon has been executed by the Trustee by manual signature, this Security shall not be entitled to any benefit under the Indenture or be valid or obligatory for any purpose.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this instrument to be duly executed under its corporate seal.

Dated: March 27, 2003

Certificate of Authentication:

COCA-COLA BOTTLING CO.

CONSOLIDATED

This is one of the Securities of the series designated herein referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture.

Citibank, N.A., as Trustee

By: /s/ David V. Singer

David V. Singer Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

By: /s/ John J. Byrnes, Jr.

Authorized Officer

Attest:

/s/ Mark S. Powers

Mark S. Powers

Assistant Secretary

[SEAL]

ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED the undersigned hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto

PLEASE INSERT SOCIAL SECURITY OR OTHER IDENTIFYING NUMBER OF ASSIGNEE

(Name	and	address	of	assignee,	including	zip	code,	must	be	printed	or	
typewritten)												

the within Security, and all rights thereunder, hereby irrevocably constituting and appointing

 $\overline{\text{Attorney to transfer said Security on the books of the within Company, with full power of substitution in the premises.}$

NOTICE:

Dated: _____

The signature to this assignment must correspond with the name as it appears upon the face of the within or attached Security in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatever.

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[Letterhead of Kennedy Covington Lobdell & Hickman, L.L.P.]

March 27, 2003

Coca-Cola Bottling Co. Consolidated 4100 Coca-Cola Plaza Charlotte, North Carolina 28211

> Re: Public Offering of \$100,000,000 Aggregate Principal Amount of 5.30% Senior Notes Due 2015

Ladies and Gentlemen:

You have requested our opinion in connection with (a) the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-71003) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Registration Statement") and (b) the issuance of \$100,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 5.30% Senior Notes due 2015 (the "Notes") of Coca-Cola Bottling Co. Consolidated, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), pursuant to the terms of an Indenture dated July 20, 1994 between the Company and NationsBank of Georgia, National Association (the initial "Trustee"), as supplemented and restated by a Supplemental Indenture dated March 3, 1995 between the Company and the initial Trustee. All references herein to the "Indenture" are to the Indenture as so supplemented, and all references to the "Trustee" are to Citibank, N.A., which succeeded to all of the rights, powers, duties and obligations of the initial Trustee under the Indenture pursuant to a succession agreement that became effective September 15, 1995. The Notes are being issued and sold pursuant to an underwriting agreement dated March 21, 2003 (the "Underwriting Agreement") by and among the Company and Salomon Smith Barney Inc. and Wachovia Securities, Inc., as representatives of the several underwriters named therein.

We have made such investigations of law and examined originals or copies of such documents, corporate records, certificates and other instruments that we have deemed necessary or appropriate for purposes of giving the opinions expressed herein.

Based upon the foregoing, we are of the opinion that the Notes, when issued in accordance with the terms of the Indenture and paid for in accordance with the Underwriting Agreement, will have been legally issued and will constitute binding obligations of the Company, subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or similar state or federal laws from time to time in effect that affect the enforcement of creditors' rights generally, fraudulent conveyance and other similar laws, general equitable principles and general standards of commercial reasonableness.

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The opinions set forth herein are limited to matters governed by the federal laws of the United States and the laws of the State of North Carolina, and we express no opinion as to any other laws or the laws of any other jurisdiction.

This opinion is rendered to you and is solely for your benefit in connection with the issuance of the Notes. This opinion may not be relied upon by any other person or used for any other purpose without our prior written consent. We consent to the filing of this opinion as part of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission today and to the reference to this firm under the caption "LEGAL MATTERS" in the prospectus supplement dated March 21, 2003 forming a part of the Registration Statement. In giving this consent, we do not hereby admit that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Very truly yours,

/s/ KENNEDY COVINGTON LOBDELL & HICKMAN, L.L.P.

COMPUTATION OF RATIO OF

EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES (1)

	Nine Mont	hs Ended	Fiscal Year (2)						
	September 29, 2002	September 30, 2001	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997		
				(dollars in	millions)				
Income before income taxes Minority Interest	\$ 39.987 6.195	\$ 13.705 	\$ 11.696 	\$ 9.835	\$ 4.986	\$ 23.246	\$ 24.270		
Fixed Charges Interest Expense Expenses related to	35.471	34.245	44.322	53.346	50.581	39.947	37.479		
indebtedness (3) Estimated interest portion of rental expense	0.526 1.476	0.625 2.940	0.830 4.129	0.938 5.228	0.836 4.562	8.703	5.120		
Piedmont fixed charges		5.228	6.668	7.432	6.911	6.837	7.219		
Total fixed charges	37.473	43.037	55.949	66.944	62.890	55.487	49.818		
Earnings, as defined	83.655	56.742	67.645	76.779	67.876	78.733	74.088		
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges	2.23	1.32	1.21	1.15	1.08	1.42	1.49		

- (1) For purposes of computing this ratio, (a) "earnings" consists of income from continuing operations before income taxes and minority interest plus fixed charges and (b) "fixed charges" consists of interest expensed; the amortized premiums, discounts and capitalized expenses related to indebtedness; and the estimated interest portion of our rental expense.
- (2) Our fiscal year ends on the Sunday nearest December 31. All years presented are 52-week years, except for 1998, which was a 53-week year.
- (3) Consists of the amortized premiums, discounts and capitalized expenses related to indebtedness.