UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the Quarterly Period Ended July 28, 2012

Commission file number 1-14170

NATIONAL BEVERAGE CORP.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)



Delaware (State of incorporation)

59-2605822 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

8100 SW Tenth Street, Suite 4000, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33324 (Address of principal executive offices including zip code)

(954) 581-0922 (Registrant's telephone number including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes (\checkmark) No ()

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes (\checkmark) No ()

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer", "accelerated filer", and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. Large accelerated filer () Accelerated filer (\checkmark) Non-accelerated filer () Smaller reporting company ()

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes () No (✓)

The number of shares of registrant's common stock outstanding as of August 30, 2012 was 46,298,555.

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PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NATIONAL BEVERAGE CORP. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (UNAUDITED)

(In thousands, except share amounts)

		July 28, 2012		April 28, 2012
Assets		2012		
Current assets:				
Cash and equivalents	\$	46,605	\$	35,626
Trade receivables - net of allowances of \$433 (\$399 at April 28)		65,112		61,591
Inventories		44,068		40,862
Deferred income taxes - net		4,091		3,550
Prepaid and other assets		4,266		4,425
Total current assets		164,142		146,054
Property, plant and equipment - net		55,796		56,729
Goodwill		13,145		13,145
Intangible assets		1,615		1,615
Other assets		5,647		5,445
	\$	240,345	\$	222,988
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$	52,622	\$	54.875
Accrued liabilities	Ψ	20,283	Ψ	21,279
Income taxes payable		6,890		82
Total current liabilities	-	79,795		76,236
Deferred income taxes - net		14.054		14,214
Other liabilities		11,232		10,902
Shareholders' equity:		11,202		10,502
Preferred stock, 7% cumulative, \$1 par value, aggregate liquidation preference of \$15,000 - 1,000,000 shares				
authorized; 150,000 shares issued		150		150
Common stock, \$.01 par value - 75,000,000 shares authorized; 50,324,759 shares issued (50,321,559 shares at				
April 28)		503		503
Additional paid-in capital		30,539		30,425
Retained earnings		123,592		109,200
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(1,520)		(642)
Treasury stock - at cost: Preferred stock - 150,000 shares		(5.100)		(5.100)
Common stock - 4,032,784 shares		(5,100)		(5,100)
		(12,900)		(12,900)
Total shareholders' equity		135,264	_	121,636
	\$	240,345	\$	222,988

NATIONAL BEVERAGE CORP. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (UNAUDITED)

(In thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three Mo	Three Months Ended		
	July 28, 2012	July 30, 2011		
Net sales	\$ 182,849	\$ 169,080		
Cost of sales	124,556	108,006		
Gross profit	58,293	61,074		
Selling, general and administrative expenses	36,253	40,358		
Interest expense	32	23		
Other expense - net	36	23		
Income before income taxes	21,972	20,670		
Provision for income taxes	7,580	7,235		
Net income	<u>\$ 14,392</u>	\$ 13,435		
Net income per share:				
Basic	\$.31	\$.29		
Diluted	\$.31	\$.29		
Weighted average common shares outstanding:				
Basic	46,291	46,241		
Diluted	46,468	46,403		

NATIONAL BEVERAGE CORP. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (UNAUDITED)

(In thousands)

	Three Mon	Three Months Ended		
	July 28, 2012	July 30, 2011		
Net income	\$ 14,392	\$ 13,435		
Cash flow hedges, net of tax	(878)	(1,105)		
Comprehensive income	<u>\$ 13,514</u>	\$ 12,330		

NATIONAL BEVERAGE CORP. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (UNAUDITED) (In thousands)

	Three Mor	nths Ended
	July 28, 2012	July 30, 2011
Number of Common Shares Issued		
Beginning of period	50,322	50,262
Stock options exercised	3	41
End of period	50,325	50,303
Preferred Stock		
Beginning and end of period	<u>\$ 150</u>	\$ 150
Common Stock		
Beginning and end of period	503	503
Additional Paid-In Capital		
Beginning of period	30,425	29,725
Stock options exercised	24	58
Stock-based compensation	86	106
Stock-based tax benefits	4	113
End of period	30,539	30,002
Retained Earnings		
Beginning of period	109,200	65,207
Net income	14,392	13,435
End of period	123,592	78,642
Accumulated Other Comprehensive (Loss) Income		
Beginning of period	(642)	2,751
Cash flow hedges, net of tax	(878)	(1,105)
End of period	(1,520)	1,646
Treasury Stock - Preferred		
Beginning and end of period	(5,100)	(5,100)
Treasury Stock - Common		
Beginning and end of period	(12,900)	(12,900)
Total Shareholders' Equity	\$ 135,264	\$ 92,943

NATIONAL BEVERAGE CORP. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED) (In thousands)

		Three Months Ended	
	July 28, 2012	July 30, 2011	
Operating Activities:			
Net income	\$ 14,392	\$ 13,435	
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash			
provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization	2,953	2,725	
Deferred income tax benefit	(163)	(134)	
Loss (gain) on disposal of property, net	3	(2)	
Stock-based compensation	86	106	
Changes in assets and liabilities:			
Trade receivables	(3,521)	(1,464)	
Inventories	(3,206)	(6,383)	
Prepaid and other assets	(825)	(618)	
Accounts payable	(2,253)	3,052	
Accrued and other liabilities	4,873	4,057	
Net cash provided by operating activities	12,339	14,774	
Investing Activities:			
Additions to property, plant and equipment	(1,397)	(1,805)	
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	9	11	
Net cash used in investing activities	(1,388)	(1,794)	
Financing Activities:			
Proceeds from stock options exercised	24	58	
Stock-based tax benefits	4	113	
Net cash provided by financing activities	28	171	
Net Increase in Cash and Equivalents	10,979	13,151	
Cash and Equivalents - Beginning of Year	35,626	7,372	
Cash and Equivalents - End of Period	<u>\$ 46,605</u>	\$ 20,523	
Other Cash Flow Information:			
Interest paid	\$ 32	\$ 19	
Income taxes paid	\$ 487	\$ 474	

NATIONAL BEVERAGE CORP. AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

National Beverage Corp. develops, manufactures, markets and sells a diverse portfolio of multi-flavored soft drinks, juice drinks, water and specialty beverages primarily in North America. Incorporated in Delaware in 1985, National Beverage Corp. is a holding company for various operating subsidiaries. When used in this report, the terms "we," "us," "our," "Company" and "National Beverage" mean National Beverage Corp. and its subsidiaries.

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of National Beverage Corp. and all subsidiaries. All significant intercompany transactions and accounts have been eliminated.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") and rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission for interim financial reporting. Accordingly, they do not include all information and notes presented in the annual consolidated financial statements. The consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the annual consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended April 28, 2012. The accounting policies used in these interim consolidated financial statements are consistent with those used in the annual consolidated financial statements.

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates. In our opinion, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. Results for the interim periods presented are not necessarily indicative of results which might be expected for the entire fiscal year.

Presentation of Comprehensive Income

In June 2011, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") amended its guidance on the presentation of comprehensive income in financial statements to improve the comparability, consistency and transparency of financial reporting and to increase the prominence of items that are recorded in other comprehensive income. The new guidance requires entities to report components of comprehensive income in either a continuous statement of comprehensive income or two separate but consecutive statements. The Company elected to report components of comprehensive income in two separate but consecutive statements. The new guidance was effective for the fiscal quarter ended July 28, 2012 and was applied retrospectively. The Company's adoption of the new guidance resulted in a change in the presentation of the Company's consolidated financial statements but did not have any impact on the Company's results of operations, financial position or liquidity.

Derivative Financial Instruments

We use derivative financial instruments to partially mitigate our exposure to changes in raw material costs. All derivative financial instruments are recorded at fair value in our Consolidated Balance Sheets. The estimated fair value of derivative financial instruments is calculated based on market rates to settle the instruments. We do not use derivative financial instruments for trading or speculative purposes. Credit risk related to derivative financial instruments is managed by requiring high credit standards for counterparties and frequent cash settlements. See Note 6.

2. INVENTORIES

Inventories are stated at the lower of first-in, first-out cost or market. Inventories at July 28, 2012 are comprised of finished goods of \$25.7 million and raw materials of \$18.3 million. Inventories at April 28, 2012 are comprised of finished goods of \$24.4 million and raw materials of \$16.5 million.

3. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Property consists of the following:

		(In thousands)		
	J	• •		April 28, 2012
Land	\$	9,779	\$	9,779
Buildings and improvements		48,386		48,363
Machinery and equipment		137,196		136,019
Total		195,361		194,161
Less accumulated depreciation		(139,565)		(137,432)
Property – net	\$	55,796	\$	56,729

Depreciation expense was \$2.3 million and \$2.2 million for the three-month periods ended July 28, 2012 and July 30, 2011, respectively.

4. DEBT

At July 28, 2012, a subsidiary of the Company maintained unsecured revolving credit facilities with banks aggregating \$75 million (the "Credit Facilities"). The Credit Facilities expire through July 8, 2013 and, currently, any borrowings would bear interest at .3% to .9% above LIBOR or, at our election, .5% below the banks' reference rate. At July 28, 2012, \$2.4 million of the Credit Facilities was used for standby letters of credit and \$72.6 million was available for borrowings.

The Credit Facilities require the subsidiary to maintain certain financial ratios, principally debt to net worth and debt to EBITDA (as defined in the loan agreements), and contain other restrictions, none of which are expected to have a material effect on our operations or financial position. At July 28, 2012, we were in compliance with all loan covenants and approximately \$1.2 million of retained earnings was restricted from distribution.

5. STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

During the three months ended July 28, 2012, options to purchase 2,000 shares of common stock were granted (weighted average exercise price of \$8.39 per share) and options to purchase 3,200 shares were exercised (weighted average exercise price of \$7.49 per share). At July 28, 2012, options to purchase 511,420 shares (weighted average exercise price of \$7.24 per share) were outstanding and stock-based awards to purchase 2,978,864 shares of common stock were available for grant.

6. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

We have entered into various aluminum swap contracts to partially mitigate our exposure to changes in the cost of aluminum cans through April 2013. The financial instruments were designated and accounted for as a cash flow hedge. Accordingly, gains or losses attributable to the effective portion of the cash flow hedge are reported in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income ("AOCI") and reclassified into earnings through cost of sales in the period in which the hedged transaction affects earnings. The ineffective portion of the change in fair value of our cash flow hedge was immaterial. The following summarizes the gains (losses) recognized in the Consolidated Statements of Income and AOCI relative to cash flow hedges for the three months ended July 28, 2012 and July 30, 2011:

	(In thousands)		
		2012	2011
Recognized in AOCI:			
Loss before income taxes	\$	(2,318)	\$ (588)
Less income tax benefit		(881)	 (219)
Net	\$	(1,437)	\$ (369)
Reclassified from AOCI to cost of sales:			
Gain (loss) before income taxes	\$	(902)	\$ 1,143
Less income tax provision (benefit)		(343)	 407
Net	\$	(559)	\$ 736
Net change to AOCI	\$	(878)	\$ (1,105)

As of July 28, 2012, the notional amount of our outstanding aluminum swap contracts was \$18.9 million and, assuming no change in the commodity prices, \$1.9 million of unrealized net loss (before tax) will be reclassified from AOCI and recognized in earnings over the next twelve months. See Note 1.

As of July 28, 2012 and April 28, 2012, the fair value of the derivative liability was \$1.9 million and \$503,000, respectively, which was included in Accrued liabilities. Such valuation does not entail a significant amount of judgment and the inputs that are significant to the fair value measurement are Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy as they are observable market based inputs or unobservable inputs that are corroborated by market data.

7. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

As of July 28, 2012, the Company guaranteed the residual value of certain leased equipment in the amount of \$6.7 million. On August 1, 2012, the lease term was extended for 12 months to August 1, 2013. If the proceeds from the sale of such equipment are less than the balance required by the lease when the lease terminates, the Company shall be required to pay the difference up to such guaranteed amount. The Company expects to have no loss on such guarantee.

ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

OVERVIEW

National Beverage Corp. is a holding company for various subsidiaries that develop, manufacture, market and sell a diverse portfolio of beverage products. In this report, the terms "we", "us", "our", "Company" and "National Beverage" mean National Beverage Corp. and its subsidiaries.

Our brands include soft drinks, energy drinks and shots, juices, teas, still and sparkling waters and nutritionally enhanced beverages, and span both carbonated and non-carbonated offerings. In addition, we produce soft drinks for certain retailers ("Allied Brands") who also promote certain of our brands ("Strategic Alliances"). We employ a philosophy that demands vertical integration wherever possible and our vertically integrated manufacturing model unites the procurement of raw materials, production of concentrates and manufacturing of finished products in our twelve manufacturing facilities. To service a diverse customer base that includes numerous national retailers as well as hundreds of smaller "up-and-down-the-street" accounts, we developed a hybrid distribution system which promotes and utilizes customers' warehouse distribution facilities and our own direct-store delivery fleet plus the direct-store delivery systems of independent distributors.

We consider ourselves to be a leader in the development and sale of flavored beverage products. Our soft drink flavor development spans over 100 years originating with our flagship brands, Shasta® and Faygo®, and includes our Ritz® and Big Shot® brands. For the health-conscious consumer, we offer a diverse line of flavored beverage products, including Everfresh®, Home Juice® and Mr. Pure® 100% juice and juice-based products; LaCroix®, Crystal Bay® and Clear Fruit® flavored, sparkling and spring water products; and Àsanté® nutritionally-enhanced beverages. In addition, we produce and market Rip It® energy drinks and shots, Ohana® fruit-flavored non-carbonated drinks, Sundance® teas and lemonades and St. Nick's® holiday soft drinks. We refer to our portfolio of brands other than soft drinks as our "Power+ Brands".

Our strategy emphasizes the growth of our products by (i) offering a beverage portfolio of proprietary flavors with distinctive packaging and broad demographic appeal, (ii) supporting the franchise value of regional brands, (iii) appealing to the "quality-value" expectations of the family consumer and (iv) responding to demographic trends by developing innovative products tailored toward healthy lifestyles or designed to expand distribution in higher-margin channels.

The majority of our sales are seasonal with the highest volume typically realized during the summer months. As a result, our operating results from one fiscal quarter to the next may not be comparable. Additionally, our operating results are affected by numerous factors, including fluctuations in the costs of raw materials, changes in consumer preference for beverage products, competitive pricing in the marketplace and weather conditions.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Three Months Ended July 28, 2012 (first quarter of fiscal 2013) compared to Three Months Ended July 30, 2011 (first quarter of fiscal 2012)

Net sales for the first quarter of fiscal 2013 increased 8.1% to \$182.8 million as compared to \$169.1 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2012. The sales improvement is due to case volume growth of 12.3% for our Power+ Brands and 10.2% for carbonated soft drinks. This sales improvement was partially offset by a 2.4% decline in unit pricing primarily due to product mix changes.

Gross profit approximated 31.9% of net sales for the first quarter of fiscal 2013 compared to 36.1% of net sales for the first quarter of fiscal 2012. The gross profit decline is due to higher raw material costs and product mix changes. Cost of sales increased 4.1% on a per unit basis.

Selling, general & administrative expenses were \$36.3 million or 19.8% of net sales for the first quarter of fiscal 2013 compared to \$40.4 million or 23.9% of net sales for the first quarter of fiscal 2012. The decrease in expenses was due to lower marketing and administration expenses.

Other expense includes interest income of \$14,000 for the first quarter of fiscal 2013 and \$10,000 for the first quarter of fiscal 2012.

The Company's effective income tax rate, based upon estimated annual income tax rates, was 34.5% for the first quarter of fiscal 2013 and 35.0% for the first quarter of fiscal 2012. The difference between the effective rate and the federal statutory rate of 35% was primarily due to the effect of state income taxes and the manufacturing deduction.

LIQUIDITY AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our principal source of funds is cash generated from operations, which may be supplemented by borrowings available under our credit facilities. We maintain \$75 million unsecured revolving credit facilities of which \$2.4 million was used for standby letters of credit at July 28, 2012. We believe that existing capital resources will be sufficient to meet our liquidity and capital requirements for the foreseeable future.

Cash Flows

The Company's cash position for the first quarter of fiscal 2013 increased \$11.0 million from April 28, 2012, which compares to an increase of \$13.2 million for the similar 2012 fiscal period.

Net cash provided by operating activities for the first quarter of fiscal 2013 amounted to \$12.3 million compared to \$14.8 million for the similar 2012 fiscal period. For the first quarter of fiscal 2013, cash flow was principally generated by net income of \$14.4 million and depreciation and amortization aggregating \$3.0 million, offset in part by an increase in receivables and inventories.

Net cash used in investing activities for the first quarter of fiscal 2013, principally capital expenditures, amounted to \$1.4 million compared to \$1.8 million for the similar 2012 fiscal period.

Financial Position

During the first quarter of fiscal 2013, working capital increased \$14.5 million to \$84.3 million due to cash generated from operations. Trade receivables increased \$3.5 million, which represents a reduction in days sales outstanding from approximately 33.9 days at year-end to 32.4 days, and inventories increased \$3.2 million, which represents an increase in inventory turns from 11.0 at year-end to 11.3 times. These increases are primarily due to higher demand related to seasonal requirements. The current ratio was 2.1 to 1 at July 28, 2012 and 1.9 to 1 at April 28, 2012.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

There have been no material changes in market risks from those reported in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended April 28, 2012.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

As of the end of the period covered by this report, we carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our "disclosure controls and procedures" (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) of the Exchange Act). Based upon that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective to ensure information required to be disclosed by us in reports we file or submit under the Exchange Act is (1) recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in SEC rules and (2) accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting during our most recent fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (the "Form 10-Q") constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such factors include, but are not limited to, the following: general economic and business conditions, pricing of competitive products, success in acquiring other beverage businesses, success of new product and flavor introductions, fluctuations in the costs of raw materials, our ability to increase selling prices, continued retailer support for our products, changes in consumer preferences, success of implementing business strategies, changes in business strategy or development plans, government regulations, regional weather conditions and other factors referenced in this Form 10-Q. For a further list and description of various risks, relevant factors and uncertainties that could cause future results or events to differ materially from those expressed or implied in our forward-looking statements, see the "Risk Factors" and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" sections contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended April 28, 2012 and other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. We disclaim an obligation to update any such factors or to publicly announce the results of any revisions to any forward-looking statements contained herein to reflect future events or developments.

PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

There have been no material changes in risk factors from those reported in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended April 28, 2012.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

Exhibit No.	<u>Description</u>
31.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
31.2	Certification of Principal Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
32.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
32.2	Certification of Principal Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
101	The following financial information from National Beverage Corp. Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended July 28, 2012, formatted in XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language): (i) Consolidated Balance Sheets; (ii) Consolidated Statements of Income; (iii) Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income; (iv) Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity; (v) Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows; and (vi) the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.
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SIGNATURE

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.

Date: September 6, 2012

National Beverage Corp. (Registrant)

By: /s/ Dean A. McCoy

Dean A. McCoy Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer

CERTIFICATION

I, Nick A. Caporella, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of National Beverage Corp.;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: September 6, 2012

/s/ Nick A. Caporella Nick A. Caporella Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer

CERTIFICATION

I, George R. Bracken, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of National Beverage Corp.;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: September 6, 2012

/s/ George R. Bracken George R. Bracken Executive Vice President – Finance (Principal Financial Officer)

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350 AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the Quarterly Report of National Beverage Corp. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ended July 28, 2012 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Nick A. Caporella, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. section 1350, as adopted pursuant to section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that to my knowledge:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: September 6, 2012

/s/ Nick A. Caporella Nick A. Caporella Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350 AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the Quarterly Report of National Beverage Corp. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ended July 28, 2012 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, George R. Bracken, Senior Vice President - Finance of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. section 1350, as adopted pursuant to section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that to my knowledge:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and result of operations of the Company.

Date: September 6, 2012

/s/ George R. Bracken George R. Bracken Executive Vice President – Finance (Principal Financial Officer)