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

For the Quarterly Period Ended January 26, 2013

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 (✓) 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 (✓) 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 (✓) 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 February 28, 2013 was 46,329,015.

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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)

	January 26, 2013	April 28, 2012
<b>Assets</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and equivalents	\$ 18,495	\$ 35,626
Trade receivables - net of allowances of \$454 (\$399 at April 28)	51,178	61,591
Inventories	41,662	40,862
Deferred income taxes - net	3,413	3,550
Prepaid and other assets	4,131	4,425
Total current assets	118,879	146,054
Property, plant and equipment - net	55,770	56,729
Goodwill	13,145	13,145
Intangible assets	1,615	1,615
Other assets	5,818	5,445
Total assets	\$ 195,227	\$ 222,988
<b>Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 34,926	\$ 54,875
Accrued liabilities	16,376	21,279
Income taxes payable	589	82
Total current liabilities	51,891	76,236
Long-term debt	60,000	-
Deferred income taxes - net	13,769	14,214
Other liabilities	10,791	10,902
Shareholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, \$1 par value - 1,000,000 shares authorized:		
Series C - 150,000 shares issued	150	150
Series D - 400,000 shares issued at January 26, aggregate liquidation preference of \$20,000	400	-
Common stock, \$.01 par value - 75,000,000 shares authorized; 50,361,799 shares issued (50,321,559 shares at April 28)	504	503
Additional paid-in capital	50,248	30,425
Retained earnings	25,881	109,200
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(407)	(642)
Treasury stock - at cost:		
Series C preferred stock - 150,000 shares	(5,100)	(5,100)
Common stock - 4,032,784 shares	(12,900)	(12,900)
Total shareholders' equity	58,776	121,636
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 195,227	\$ 222,988

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

**NATIONAL BEVERAGE CORP. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (UNAUDITED)**  
(In thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	January 26, 2013	January 28, 2012	January 26, 2013	January 28, 2012
Net sales	\$ 144,723	\$ 136,401	\$ 494,140	\$ 463,455
Cost of sales	<u>98,370</u>	<u>91,166</u>	<u>334,903</u>	<u>303,043</u>
Gross profit	46,353	45,235	159,237	160,412
Selling, general and administrative expenses	33,930	33,415	106,310	110,686
Interest expense	116	31	179	85
Other expense - net	<u>23</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>145</u>	<u>81</u>
Income before income taxes	12,284	11,778	52,603	49,560
Provision for income taxes	<u>3,870</u>	<u>3,874</u>	<u>17,780</u>	<u>17,098</u>
Net income	<u>\$ 8,414</u>	<u>\$ 7,904</u>	<u>\$ 34,823</u>	<u>\$ 32,462</u>
Earnings per common share				
Basic	<u>\$ .18</u>	<u>\$ .17</u>	<u>\$ .75</u>	<u>\$ .70</u>
Diluted	<u>\$ .18</u>	<u>\$ .17</u>	<u>\$ .75</u>	<u>\$ .70</u>
Weighted average common shares outstanding:				
Basic	<u>46,321</u>	<u>46,276</u>	<u>46,304</u>	<u>46,263</u>
Diluted	<u>46,482</u>	<u>46,472</u>	<u>46,478</u>	<u>46,441</u>

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	January 26, 2013	January 28, 2012	January 26, 2013	January 28, 2012
Net income	\$ 8,414	\$ 7,904	\$ 34,823	\$ 32,462
Cash flow hedges, net of tax	615	873	235	(2,736)
Comprehensive income	<u>\$ 9,029</u>	<u>\$ 8,777</u>	<u>\$ 35,058</u>	<u>\$ 29,726</u>

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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

	Nine Months Ended	
	January 26, 2013	January 28, 2012
<b>Preferred Stock</b>		
Beginning of period	\$ 150	\$ 150
Preferred stock issued	400	-
End of period	<u>550</u>	<u>150</u>
<b>Common Stock</b>		
Beginning of period	503	503
Stock options exercised	1	-
End of period	<u>504</u>	<u>503</u>
<b>Additional Paid-In Capital</b>		
Beginning of period	30,425	29,725
Preferred stock issued	19,310	-
Stock options exercised	238	100
Stock-based compensation	183	224
Stock-based tax benefits	92	131
End of period	<u>50,248</u>	<u>30,180</u>
<b>Retained Earnings</b>		
Beginning of period	109,200	65,207
Net income	34,823	32,462
Common stock cash dividend	(118,139)	-
Preferred stock cash dividend	(3)	-
End of period	<u>25,881</u>	<u>97,669</u>
<b>Accumulated Other Comprehensive (Loss) Income</b>		
Beginning of period	(642)	2,751
Cash flow hedges, net of tax	235	(2,736)
End of period	<u>(407)</u>	<u>15</u>
<b>Treasury Stock - Preferred</b>		
Beginning and end of period	<u>(5,100)</u>	<u>(5,100)</u>
<b>Treasury Stock - Common</b>		
Beginning and end of period	<u>(12,900)</u>	<u>(12,900)</u>
<b>Total Shareholders' Equity</b>	<u>\$ 58,776</u>	<u>\$ 110,517</u>

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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

	Nine Months Ended	
	January 26, 2013	January 28, 2012
<b>Operating Activities:</b>		
Net income	\$ 34,823	\$ 32,462
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	8,435	7,963
Deferred income tax benefit	(453)	(391)
Loss (gain) on disposal of property, net	56	(12)
Stock-based compensation	183	224
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Trade receivables	10,413	5,726
Inventories	(800)	(4,805)
Prepaid and other assets	(1,540)	(1,157)
Accounts payable	(19,949)	(12,346)
Accrued and other liabilities	(4,198)	(9,163)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>26,970</u>	<u>18,501</u>
<b>Investing Activities:</b>		
Additions to property, plant and equipment	(6,025)	(6,172)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	22	29
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(6,003)</u>	<u>(6,143)</u>
<b>Financing Activities:</b>		
Common stock cash dividend	(118,139)	-
Borrowings under credit facilities, net	60,000	-
Proceeds from sale of preferred stock, net	19,710	-
Proceeds from stock options exercised	239	100
Stock-based tax benefits	92	131
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	<u>(38,098)</u>	<u>231</u>
<b>Net (Decrease) Increase in Cash and Equivalents</b>	<b>(17,131)</b>	<b>12,589</b>
<b>Cash and Equivalents - Beginning of Year</b>	<b><u>35,626</u></b>	<b><u>7,372</u></b>
<b>Cash and Equivalents - End of Period</b>	<b><u>\$ 18,495</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 19,961</u></b>
<b>Other Cash Flow Information:</b>		
Interest paid	<u>\$ 160</u>	<u>\$ 82</u>
Income taxes paid	<u>\$ 17,527</u>	<u>\$ 17,153</u>

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

**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 new guidance was effective as of the beginning of fiscal 2013 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 7.



### Earnings Per Common Share

Basic earnings per common share is computed by dividing earnings applicable to common shares by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings per common share is calculated in a similar manner, but includes the dilutive effect of stock options.

## 2. INVENTORIES

Inventories are stated at the lower of first-in, first-out cost or market. Inventories at January 26, 2013 are comprised of finished goods of \$25.2 million and raw materials of \$16.4 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)	
	January 26, 2013	April 28, 2012
Land	\$ 9,779	\$ 9,779
Buildings and improvements	48,785	48,363
Machinery and equipment	140,727	136,019
Total	199,291	194,161
Less accumulated depreciation	(143,521)	(137,432)
Property – net	\$ 55,770	\$ 56,729

Depreciation expense was \$2.2 million and \$6.9 million for the three and nine months ended January 26, 2013, respectively, and \$2.1 million and \$6.4 million for the three and nine months ended January 28, 2012, respectively.

## 4. DEBT

At January 26, 2013, a subsidiary of the Company maintained unsecured revolving credit facilities with banks aggregating \$100 million (the “Credit Facilities”). The Credit Facilities expire from November 22, 2015 to April 30, 2016 and current borrowings bear interest at 1% above LIBOR (1.2% at January 26, 2013). At January 26, 2013, borrowings outstanding under the Credit Facilities were \$60 million, \$2.4 million of the Credit Facilities was used for standby letters of credit and \$37.6 million was available for borrowings.

The Credit Facilities require the subsidiary to maintain certain financial ratios, including 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 January 26, 2013, we were in compliance with all loan covenants.

## 5. STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

During the nine months ended January 26, 2013, options to purchase 2,000 shares of common stock were granted (weighted average exercise price of \$8.39 per share), options to purchase 40,240 shares were exercised (weighted average exercise price of \$5.95 per share), and options to purchase 32,570 shares were cancelled (weighted average exercise price of \$4.90). At January 26, 2013, options to purchase 441,810 shares (weighted average exercise price of \$7.35 per share) were outstanding and stock-based awards to purchase 3,006,634 shares of common stock were available for grant.

## 6. PREFERRED STOCK

On January 25, 2013, the Company sold 400,000 shares of Special Series D Preferred Stock, par value \$1 per share ("Series D Preferred") for an aggregate purchase price of \$20 million. Series D Preferred has a liquidation preference of \$50 per share and accrues dividends on this amount at an annual rate of 3% through April 30, 2014 and, thereafter, at an annual rate equal to 370 basis points above the 3-Month LIBOR. Dividends are cumulative and payable quarterly. The Series D Preferred is nonvoting and is redeemable at the option of the Company beginning May 1, 2014 at \$50 per share. The net proceeds of \$19.7 million were used to repay borrowings under the credit facilities. In addition, the Company has 150,000 shares of Series C Preferred Stock, par value \$1 per share, which are held as treasury stock and, therefore, has no liquidation value.

## 7. 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 and nine months ended January 26, 2013 and January 28, 2012:

	(In thousands)			
	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
<b>Recognized in AOCI:</b>				
Gain (loss) before income taxes	\$ 735	\$ 697	\$ (1,408)	\$ (3,239)
Less income tax provision (benefit)	272	265	(523)	(1,169)
Net	\$ 463	\$ 432	\$ (885)	\$ (2,070)
<b>Reclassified from AOCI to cost of sales:</b>				
Gain (loss) before income taxes	\$ (242)	\$ (711)	\$ (1,788)	\$ 1,008
Less income tax provision (benefit)	(90)	(270)	(668)	342
Net	\$ (152)	\$ (441)	\$ (1,120)	\$ 666
<b>Net change to AOCI</b>	<b>\$ 615</b>	<b>\$ 873</b>	<b>\$ 235</b>	<b>\$ (2,736)</b>

As of January 26, 2013, the notional amount of our outstanding aluminum swap contracts was \$7.5 million and, assuming no change in the commodity prices, \$123,000 of unrealized net loss (before tax) will be reclassified from AOCI and recognized in cost of sales over the next three months. See Note 1.

As of January 26, 2013 and April 28, 2012, the fair value of the derivative liability was \$123,000 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.

#### **8. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

As of January 26, 2013, the Company guaranteed the residual value of certain leased equipment in the amount of \$6.7 million. If the proceeds from the sale of such equipment are less than the balance required by the lease when the lease terminates on August 1, 2013, the Company shall be required to pay the difference up to such guaranteed amount. The Company expects to have no loss on such guarantee.

#### **9. COMMON STOCK CASH DIVIDENDS**

On November 23, 2012, the Company declared a special cash dividend of \$2.55 per share payable to shareholders of record on December 7, 2012. The cash dividend, aggregating \$118.1 million, was paid from available cash and borrowings under credit facilities on December 27, 2012.

## 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 January 26, 2013 (third quarter of fiscal 2013) compared to Three Months Ended January 28, 2012 (third quarter of fiscal 2012)

Net sales for the third quarter of fiscal 2013 increased 6.1% to \$144.7 million compared to \$136.4 million for the third quarter of fiscal 2012. The sales improvement is due to case volume growth of 2.8% for our Power+ Brands and 9.9% for carbonated soft drinks. This sales improvement was partially offset by a 1.7% decline in unit pricing, primarily due to product mix changes.

Gross profit approximated 32.0% of net sales for the third quarter of fiscal 2013 compared to 33.2% of net sales for the third quarter of fiscal 2012. The gross profit decline is due to product mix changes and lower unit pricing mentioned above. Cost of sales per unit remained unchanged.

Selling, general & administrative expenses were \$33.9 million or 23.4% of net sales for the third quarter of fiscal 2013 compared to \$33.4 million or 24.5% of net sales for the third quarter of fiscal 2012. The increase in expenses was due to higher distribution and administrative expenses.

Interest expense increased to \$116,000 for the third quarter of fiscal 2013, primarily due to increased borrowings under credit facilities. Other expense includes interest income of \$9,000 for the third quarter of fiscal 2013 and \$18,000 for the third quarter of fiscal 2012.

The Company's effective income tax rate, based upon estimated annual income tax rates, was 31.5% for the third quarter of fiscal 2013 and 32.9% for the third 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.

### Nine Months Ended January 26, 2013 (first nine months of fiscal 2013) compared to Nine Months Ended January 28, 2012 (first nine months of fiscal 2012)

Net sales for the first nine months of fiscal 2013 increased 6.6% to \$494.1 million compared to \$463.5 million for the first nine months of fiscal 2012. The sales improvement is due to case volume growth of 7.3% for our Power+ Brands and 9.9% 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 32.2% of net sales for the first nine months of fiscal 2013 compared to 34.6% of net sales for the first nine months of fiscal 2012. The gross profit decline is due to product mix changes and lower unit pricing mentioned above. Cost of sales increased 1.2% on a per unit basis.

Selling, general & administrative expenses were \$106.3 million or 21.5% of net sales for the first nine months of fiscal 2013 compared to \$110.7 million or 23.9% of net sales for the first nine months of fiscal 2012. The decrease in expenses was due to lower marketing and administrative expenses.

Interest expense increased to \$179,000 for the first nine months of fiscal 2013, primarily due to increased borrowings under credit facilities. Other expense includes interest income of \$34,000 for the first nine months of fiscal 2013 and \$41,000 for the first nine months of fiscal 2012.

The Company's effective income tax rate, based upon estimated annual income tax rates, was 33.8% for the first nine months of fiscal 2013 and 34.5% for the first nine months 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 and borrowings under our credit facilities. At January 26, 2013, we maintained \$100 million unsecured revolving credit facilities of which \$60 million of borrowings were outstanding and \$2.4 million was used for standby letters of credit. We believe that existing capital resources will be sufficient to meet our liquidity and capital requirements for the next twelve months.

On January 25, 2013, the Company sold 400,000 shares of Special Series D Preferred Stock, par value \$1 per share for an aggregate purchase price of \$20 million. See Note 6 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

On November 23, 2012, the Company declared a special cash dividend of \$2.55 per share payable to shareholders of record on December 7, 2012. The cash dividend, aggregating \$118.1 million, was paid from available cash and borrowings under credit facilities on December 27, 2012.

### **Cash Flows**

The Company's cash position for the first nine months of fiscal 2013 decreased \$17.1 million from April 28, 2012, which compares to an increase of \$12.6 million for the similar 2012 fiscal period.

Net cash provided by operating activities for the first nine months of fiscal 2013 amounted to \$27.0 million compared to \$18.5 million for the similar 2012 fiscal period. For the first nine months of fiscal 2013, cash flow was principally provided by net income of \$34.8 million and depreciation and amortization aggregating \$8.4 million, offset in part by a decline in accounts payable.

Net cash used in investing activities for the first nine months of fiscal 2013, principally capital expenditures, amounted to \$6.0 million compared to \$6.1 million for the similar 2012 fiscal period.

Net cash used in financing activities for the first nine months of fiscal 2013 amounted to \$38.1 million, which included cash dividends paid of \$118.1 million partially offset by \$60 million in borrowings under credit facilities and \$19.7 million in net proceeds from sale of preferred stock.

### **Financial Position**

During the first nine months of fiscal 2013, working capital decreased \$2.8 million to \$67.0 million. The decline in working capital resulted from lower cash and receivable levels, partially offset by a lower accounts payable balance. Due to seasonality, trade receivables decreased \$10.4 million and accounts payable decreased \$19.9 million. Trade receivables represented approximately 32.2 days sales outstanding at January 26, 2013, compared to 33.5 days sales outstanding at January 28, 2012. Inventories increased approximately \$3.5 million from the year ago quarter, which represents a decrease in inventory turnover from 9.6 times to 9.4 times. The increase in inventory is due primarily to higher finished goods levels to support increased sales volumes and planned customer promotions. The current ratio was 2.3 to 1 at January 26, 2013 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 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

On January 25, 2013, the Company sold 400,000 shares of Special Series D Preferred Stock, par value \$1 per share ("Series D Preferred") to 8100 Partners, LLC for an aggregate purchase price of \$20 million. Series D Preferred has a liquidation preference of \$50 per share and accrues dividends on this amount at an annual rate of 3% through April 30, 2014 and, thereafter, at an annual rate equal to 370 basis points above the 3-Month LIBOR. The net proceeds of \$19.7 million were used to repay borrowings under credit facilities. See Form 8-K Current Report, dated January 25, 2013, which is incorporated herein by reference, for additional information.

### ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
10.1	First Amendment to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated January 16, 2013 between NewBevCo, Inc. and lender therein
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 January 26, 2013, 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.



## **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: March 7, 2013

National Beverage Corp  
(Registrant)

By: /s/Dean A. McCoy

Dean A. McCoy  
Senior Vice President and  
Chief Accounting Officer

**FIRST AMENDMENT TO SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED CREDIT AGREEMENT**

THIS AMENDMENT, dated as of January 16, 2013, by and between NewBevCo, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Company"), and Comerica Bank, a Texas banking association ("Bank").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Company and Bank entered into that certain Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of June 30, 2008 ("Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, Company and Bank wish to amend the Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, Companies and Bank agree as follows:

1. The definition of "Termination Date" in Section 1.1 of the Agreement is amended by deleting the date April 30, 2013 where it appears therein and replacing it with the date April 30, 2016.
  2. Section 2.1(f) of the Credit Agreement (Letters of Credit) is amended by deleting the figure Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) where it appears therein and replacing with the figure Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000).
  3. Schedule 10.7 to the Agreement is deleted and replaced with Schedule 10.7 attached hereto.
  4. Except as modified hereby, all of the terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings given them in the Agreement.
  5. Company hereby represents and warrants that, after giving effect to the amendment contained herein, (a) execution, delivery and performance of this Amendment and any other documents and instruments required under this Amendment or the Agreement are within Company's corporate powers, have been duly authorized, are not in contravention of law or the terms of Company's Certificate of Incorporation or Bylaws, and do not require the consent or approval of any governmental body, agency, or authority; and this Amendment and any other documents and instruments required under this Amendment or the Agreement, will be valid and binding in accordance with their terms; (b) the continuing representations and warranties of Company in Sections 4.1 through 4.17 of the Agreement, as updated by the quarterly financial statements of the Company and the Parent, are true and correct on and as of the date hereof with the same force and effect as if made on and as of the date hereof; and (c) no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing as of the date hereof.
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6. This Amendment shall be effective as of the date set forth above.

WITNESS the due execution hereof as of the day and year first above written.

BANK:

COMPANIES:

**COMERICA BANK**

**NEWBEVCO, INC.**

By: /s/ Gerald R. Finney, Jr.

By: /s/ George R. Bracken

Its: Vice President

Its: Vice President

**SCHEDULE 10.7**

**PRICING GRID**

<b>BASIS FOR PRICING</b>	<b>LEVEL I</b>	<b>LEVEL II</b>	<b>LEVEL III</b>	<b>LEVEL IV</b>	<b>LEVEL V</b>
<b>CONSOLIDATED FUNDED DEBT TO EBITDA RATIO</b>	< 0.75 to 1.0	≥0.75 to 1.0 and < 1.5 to 1.0	≥1.5 to 1.0 and < 2.0 to 1.0	≥2.0 to 1.0 < and < 2.5 to 1.0	≥2.5 to 1.0
<b>APPLICABLE FACILITY FEE PERCENTAGE</b> (expressed as basis points)	20.00	25.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
<b>APPLICABLE LETTER OF CREDIT PERCENTAGE</b> (expressed as basis points)	90.00	100.00	135.00	160.00	180.00
<b>APPLICABLE PRIME-BASED RATE MARGIN</b> (expressed as basis points)	-50.00	-25.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
<b>APPLICABLE EUROCURRENCY – BASED RATE MARGIN</b> (expressed as basis points)	90.00	100.00	135.00	160.00	180.00

## 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: March 7, 2013

/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: March 7, 2013

/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 January 26, 2013 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: March 7, 2013

/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 January 26, 2013 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: March 7, 2013

/s/ George R. Bracken

George R. Bracken

Executive Vice President – Finance

(Principal Financial Officer)



