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Dear Ms. Griffiths,

I am writing on behalf of Coca-Cola Canada Bottling Limited in response to the Project Panel's request for comments regarding the environmental review of the Milton Logistics Hub. We appreciate the opportunity to express our support for CN's plans to build the Milton Logistics Hub.

Coca-Cola Canada Bottling Limited is Canada's premier bottling company. We are an independently owned business encompassing over 5,800 associates, more than 50 sales and distribution centres, and five production facilities nationwide. We have a 120-year heritage of manufacturing, marketing, selling, and distributing the major branded ready-to-drink products Canadians love. With an entrepreneurial spirit that reflects the strengths and diversity of the communities we serve, we proudly build sustainable relationships for our customers, consumers, and stakeholders through our values: accountability, safety, continuous improvement, integrity, and teamwork. Our brands include: Coca-Cola®, Diet Coke®, Coca-Cola® Zero Sugar, Coca-Cola Life™, Sprite®, Fanta®, Barq's®, NESTEA®, POWERADE®, Minute Maid®, DASANI® and vitaminwater®; and our partner brands: Canada Dry®, Monster Energy®, evian® and A&W®. Proudly Canadian, we are Coke Canada.

Our relationship with CN is longstanding and one which we value immensely in helping to meet the demand for Coke and our partner brands' products across Canada. CN is a vital component in our supply chain to western Canada and, very soon, also to eastern Canada. In 2018, CN transported nearly 3,000 containers of Coke products destined for the domestic market, over 90 per cent of which originated in Ontario. We have been well-served by CN throughout our long partnership and last year we recognized their service by awarding CN our Supplier of the Year in our Long Haul category.

Coke products are transported by rail through CN's Brampton Intermodal Terminal and we continue to value the high level of service we receive. At the same, we are aware of overall capacity pressures at this terminal as goods movement in and out of southern Ontario continues to grow. Added infrastructure to keep up with existing and expanding supply chain networks is urgently needed in Canada, particularly in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area. We expect

CN's plans to build a new, privately-funded facility in Milton on their existing rail line will benefit all customers who currently move or want to move their products through this region, providing employment and business opportunities locally and in surrounding communities. As well, the economic benefits of the expansion of inland capacity will be seen at the local, regional, and national level.

At Coke Canada, we understand both the need for and benefits of CN's proposed Milton Logistics Hub and are pleased to offer our support for this project.

Sincerely,

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