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B&B and BBC HACCP Certified

B&B DISTRIBUTION LTD. and the Barbados Bottling Company Ltd. have attained their Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP) certification, following a final audit of all operating procedures by the SGS Group, a global testing and certification company.

According to HACCP Team Leader, **Ricardo Gilkes**, “The foundation of HACCP is good manufacturing practices and support programmes. As such, our first step was to conduct a self-assessment where we scrutinised our premises and production process and identified our critical control points. That is, the points where any compromise would affect our ability to ensure a safe product. The process included the examination of several areas including chemical controls, water safety, cleaning and sanitisation, preventative maintenance and training.”

Mr. Gilkes noted that the audit was conducted in two phases over a one-year period.

BBC General Manager **William Haslett** described the certification as an important step in the company’s development. “Today’s global market demands that businesses receive world recognised accreditation to demonstrate that their products have been produced against a certain standard. This certification will open doors for us and expand our exports opportunities.”

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B&B General Manager/ Director **André Thomas** added, “HACCP implementation is an integral part of our management routines. This ensures that B&B assists in the presentation of the best quality product to our consumers, and that we provide a safe and secure environment for our employees and our customers.”

Both GMs thanked staff for their hard work and dedication in preparing for the HACCP certification.

Caribbean Franchise Director, **Derek Waddell** of Coca-Cola Caribbean congratulated the team, noting that BBC is one of only two bottling partners to be HACCP certified since The Coca-Cola Company made this a requirement of all 45 bottling partners in the Latin Center Division in 2006.

Members of the HACCP team are Ricardo Gilkes, **Rhonda Ward, Ricardo Alleyne, Julia Clarke, Corey Bishop, Andrew Waithe, Carson Ifill,** and **Carlisle Brathwaite**, while International Consultant **Shawn Victor** provided guidance with the implementation.



PIX CAPTION:

The Barbados Bottling Company Limited and sister company, B&B Distribution Limited have attained HACCP certification.