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BERNER OFFERS RANGE OF TRENDING RTD COFFEE BEVERAGES

Dakota, IL – (April 29, 2019) - Bernier Food & Beverage LLC (Bernier), a leading private label and contract manufacturing supplier of quality food and beverage products, is helping retailers take advantage of the robust ready-to-drink (RTD) coffee market with a blueprint for success to capture private label beverage sales. As a one-stop beverage provider for retailers, Bernier's beverage program allows retailers to offer their own range of great-tasting RTD coffee beverages that consumers will love.

"Our award-winning R&D team develops premium fresh-brewed RTD coffees with the most popular flavors to deliver successfully proven products," said Tyler Kneubuehl, Director of Marketing and Analytics, Bernier. "We are constantly working to create the next great beverage innovation to ensure retailers continue to grow beverage sales. We recently launched several beverages as part of our seasonal offerings including a Premium Raspberry Mocha Latte and a naturally-flavored Toasted Coconut Iced Latte. Bernier continues to invest in extensive retort capabilities and our expanded facilities allow us to deliver great-tasting beverages in bottles or cans, in a variety of packaging sizes, ranging from 9.5oz to some of the smaller trending sizes such as 6.5oz."

Bernier's beverage program includes many popular RTD coffee drinks such as:

- **Cold brew coffee**—Consumers love cold brew, and the category continues to experience explosive growth, with Nielsen reporting growth of +8923.8% over five years for Total U.S. All Outlets Combined (AOC). Cold brew's naturally sweeter taste, lower acidity and higher level of caffeine than traditional hot-brewed coffee makes it a hit with millennials. Bernier's cold brews can be sourced from whichever coffee region or bean you choose to create the perfect beverage.
- **RTD iced lattes**—Lattes offer a way for retailers to capture the millennial market—cold RTD coffee is an effective way to convert shoppers who often find traditional hot coffee too bitter for their taste. 73% of millennials prefer to buy products in recyclable packaging such as glass containers, so bottled iced lattes are the perfect grab-and-go refreshment, combining full-brewed coffee flavor blended with calcium-rich milk for a smooth and creamy beverage.
- **Coffee energy drinks**—Retailers can capture on-the-go consumers during high traffic times with Bernier's convenient 'pick-me-up' RTD coffees. Consumers are embracing the delicious taste of these drinks that blur the lines between energy and coffee, featuring a double shot of energy and alertness in a coffee energy drink, infused with increased caffeine and energy-inducing ingredients like taurine, guarana and ginseng.

Bernier has more than twenty years of experience with retort processing and can be a single source partner for retailers who want to provide consumers with safe, delicious, and consistent food and beverages. They are committed to providing flexible, tailored solutions to help retailers grow market share, differentiate themselves from their competition, and widen profitability with private label brands in a variety of tiers, including entry level, national brand equivalent,

premium, super premium, and organic offerings. Today Berner is one of the largest, most successful producers of shelf stable RTD coffee and tea beverages. Their facilities are USDA approved, SQF2000 Level III, HACCP certified, and meet the demanding standards of virtually every major retailer in North America.

For more information on Berner's latest RTD beverage offerings, please visit <http://www.bernerfoodandbeverage.com/beverages/coffee-tea>.

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About Berner Food & Beverage

Berner Food & Beverage is a leading private label supplier of quality food and beverage products to a majority of the top retail chains across all trade channels. They provide a single source of supply for both Store Brand products and Contract Manufacturing. Their recent 200,000 sq. ft. production and warehouse addition increases capabilities, making Berner Food & Beverage a single source partner for food and beverages including processed dips, sauces, aerosol cheese, and RTD coffees and teas. Their facilities are USDA approved, SQF2000 Level III, HACCP certified, and meet the demanding standards of virtually every major retailer in North America.