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## **The Queen recognises investment success with royal visit to Coca-Cola Hellenic bottling plant**

**[Sarajevo, 25 October 2010]** - Her Majesty The Queen, accompanied by His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh, today visited the Coca-Cola Hellenic bottling plant in County Antrim, Northern Ireland to tour the recently opened factory and to officially open the new Coca-Cola Visitors Centre.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were greeted by Mr. George David OBE, Chairman of the Coca-Cola Hellenic Group before touring the 50,000 square meter manufacturing, bottling and warehousing facility which handles all Coca-Cola production for the island of Ireland.

The facility represents an investment of £93m and provides employment for approximately 600 people directly and an estimated 6,000 people indirectly in the supply chain. The state of the art plant is capable of producing 250,000 cases of beverages per day and includes an energy-efficient Combined Heat and Power plant to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in production by 66% as well as computer controlled automated warehousing system.

Mr. George David commented, “Today’s visit by The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh marks the importance of the contribution of business to society through continued investment, contribution to community wealth, job creation, technical innovation, social and community enrichment and environmental progress and responsibility. This plant says it all.”

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness showed a keen interest in the company’s operations stopping at many places to enquire about the manufacturing process with local workers. One of these was the automated warehousing system which holds twice as much stock compared to traditional methods saving on energy, transport and emissions while allowing the company to deliver a speedy high quality service.

Another point of interest at the plant is the Combined Heat and Power facility, the fourth of 20 to be installed across the 28 countries of the Coca-Cola

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Hellenic Group. When the full project is completed it will result in savings of more than quarter of a million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from production.