



# ANNOUNCEMENT

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## What ABWA Members Can Achieve!

Dear Colleagues,

It is our honour and privilege to announce that one of our most active member in the Philippines, Philippines Beverages Partners Inc., a subsidiary of Coca-Cola Bottlers Philippines, producers of the brands **Viva! Spring Water**, **Viva! Mineral Water** and **Wilkins Distilled Water**, is the **FIRST** bottled water organization in the Philippines to achieve the following Awards and Acknowledgements. And not just that. They achieve all of them simultaneously throughout their 4 (four) factories located at Cavite, Cebu, Kanlaon, and Tanauan.

1. **Hazard Analysis and Critical Points (HACCP) System**
2. **ISO – 22000:2005**
3. **ABWA's Annual Mandatory Plant Inspection on all four plants with EXCELLENCE results.**
4. **ABWA's Certified Plant Operator – 21 participants followed the program and all passed with high marks.**

We, in the bottled water industry, know the amount of effort and hard work that lies behind all these achievements. We all know that this is not an easy feat as daily operation and sales must go on and Corporate always demand that volume must continue to grow even during the time when improvements and trainings are in progress. ABWA congratulates both the Coca-Cola Bottlers Philippines and the Coca-Cola Export Corporation teams on a job well done! And I am sure all ABWA members will join us in wishing them the same. Attached is a joint-announcement from the Coca-Cola Bottlers Philippines and the Coca-Cola Export Corporation on their activities. Philippines Beverages Partners Inc. has been an ABWA member since 12 April 1991 and became a member of the Coca-Cola Group in 2005.

Who will follow amongst ABWA members? Let us know and we will proudly publicize your achievements to the world.

Best regards,  
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## ISO22000 Marks Wilkins and Viva! Food Safety Leadership in the Philippine Beverage Industry

"Water Tigers, we are proud of you!" exclaimed John Hall, Coca-Cola Bottlers Philippines Supply Chain Director as he ended his speech during the awarding ceremonies last Dec 6, 2007 for Packaged Water Plants Certified to ISO22000:2005. The Food Safety Management System of Philippine Beverage Partners (Philbev) Packaged Water Plants have been assessed and certified by SGS, Philippines as meeting the requirements of **Codex Alimentarius Commission General Principles of Food Hygiene CAC/RCP 1-1969 Rev. 4 (2003), Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) System and ISO22000:2005** for the production of packaged /bottled water from receipt of ingredients to storage in the internal warehouses.

- Philbev Tanauan Plant producer of Viva! Mineral Water and Philbev Kanlaon Plant producer of Viva! Spring Water certified since November 2007.
- Philbev General Trias, Cebu and Iloilo producers of Wilkins Distilled Water certified since December 2007.



"ISO22000 is more than just a set of standards. We see it as a business building tool for the Philbev Packaged Water business to extend its reach, provide a more logical approach to food safety management, and fulfill our promise to consumers for delivering safe and quality drinking water," Joel Suyat, ABWA Country Representative and Stills QA Manager of Coca-Cola Bottlers Philippines, explained.

Arnel Cabungcal, ABWA Co-Country Representative and Quality Manager for Still Beverages of The Coca-Cola Export Corporation added, "Using The Coca-Cola Quality System (TCCQSe3, a management system consistent with ISO 9001:2000; ISO 14001:1996; and OHSAS 18001:1999, as recognized by LRQA and SGS), our ISO22000 Certified Food Safety Management System tackles key issues in the supply chain, each contributing to the organization's on-going business performance in relation to food safety."

**" Leadership, Integrity and Collaboration:** Full management support, total business involvement from end to end of the supply chain and top-to-toe interactions with our people were keys to our success."

- Angel Labao, Plant Operations Manager of Tanauan Plant, the first plant to pass the synchronized audits.

**"Passion and Quality:** Our quality statement and policy, food safety awareness and communications program really reached the hearts of our associates who were the moving force behind this certification."

- Elro delos Reyes, Plant Operations Manager of Gen Trias plant, the largest Distilled Water plant to be certified in the system.

**" Innovation and Passion:** The technical trainings – cGMP, HACCP & FSMS, ABWA Certified Plant Operator, and Source Protection to name a few, enhanced our people capability and ignited their excitement to fuel the success of our FSMS."

– Manny Bibit, Plant Operations Manager of Visayas plants.

This achievement earns Philbev the following accolades and distinctions:

- First KO Bottled Water plants to be certified to both TCCQSe3 Quality and ISO22000:2005.
- First Packaged water Plants to be certified to ISO22000:2005 in the Philippine Bottled Water and Beverage Industries.
- First ABWA member chain of Bottled Water plants to be ISO22000:2005 Certified.

