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Columbia Distributing integrates Olympic Distributing into its operations in Jefferson and Clallam Counties

KENT, Washington (April 27, 2018) – Columbia Distributing today announced it will integrate the operations of Port Angeles, Wash.-based Olympic Distributing into its newly-acquired warehouse in Poulsbo, Washington. Joe Gladfelter, vice president and general manager of Olympic Distributing, will join the Columbia team to operate a cross-dock facility out of Olympic's Port Angeles facility. Joe's family has owned Olympic for nearly 40 years.

Gladfelter appreciates Columbia Distributing's support and cooperation to integrate Olympic's operations and employees so they remain in the beverage distribution business in a fruitful and significant way. "As a sub-distributor for many Columbia brands, we value our longstanding and successful partnerships," said Gladfelter. "Now as part of the Columbia team in our exact same trading area, I look forward to accelerating the expanded portfolio through quality products and deep-routed retail relationships."

"Joe and Olympic Distributing have been a staple in the Washington beer market," said Scott DeMartine, senior vice president of revenue management and business support at Columbia Distributing. "Having Joe on the team will make us stronger even beyond Jefferson and Clallam Counties. His lifetime experience in the beer industry further demonstrates Columbia's commitment to local brands and active involvement in the community."

About Columbia Distributing

Since 1935, Columbia Distributing has helped build some of the best known brands in the beverage business. Today Columbia Distributing and its 3,200+ employees service over 20,000 retail customers covering more than 135,000 square miles in Oregon, Washington and California. Columbia's success is based on the deep-rooted tradition of delivering quality products, timely service and a genuine concern for customers' needs. This is achieved by providing ongoing, sustainable opportunities and growth for its employees, customers, suppliers, shareholders and communities. For more information on Columbia Distributing, please visit www.coldist.com.

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