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**NUCO2 INC. ANNOUNCES ELECTION OF CHRISTOPHER WHITE,
BEVERAGE INDUSTRY EXECUTIVE, AS A DIRECTOR**

STUART, FLORIDA, May 19, 2005 – NuCO2 Inc. (NASDAQ: NUCO), the largest supplier in the U.S. of bulk CO2 systems and services for carbonating fountain beverages, today announced the election of Christopher White, a veteran beverage industry executive, to the Company's Board of Directors on May 18, 2005. Mr. White also joins the Audit Committee of the Board. The Board now consists of five members.

Mr. White is currently a principal in the Certus Group, of Atlanta, Georgia, a professional association focused on placing interim COOs and CFOs. Previously, he was for 13 years an executive of the Suntory Water Group, the last three years to 2004 as President and Chief Executive Officer. Prior to the sale of the company, Suntory was a \$500 million company providing bottled water in 32 states to over 1 million customers. He has also served as Vice President, Region Manager, West Florida, for Coca-Cola Enterprises, Inc., which he joined in 1985.

“Chris White's broad experience, in combination with his proven senior level executive capabilities in the soft drink field, will greatly benefit NuCO2,” said Michael E. DeDomenico, Chairman and CEO. “We are very pleased to have him join the Board.”

Mr. White has also held executive positions with United Vintners, E&J Gallo Winery, the Drackett Company division of Bristol Myers, and Procter & Gamble Distributing Company. He holds a B.A. degree from Columbia University, from which he graduated in 1972.

About NuCO2

NuCO2 Inc. is the leading and only national provider of bulk CO2 products and services to the U.S. fountain beverage industry. With service locations within reach of

virtually all of the fountain beverage users in the Continental U.S., NuCO2's experienced professionals comprise the largest network of sales and support specialists in the industry serving national restaurant chains, convenience stores, theme parks and sports and entertainment complexes, among others. NuCO2's revenues are largely derived from the installation, maintenance and rental of bulk CO2 systems and delivery of beverage grade CO2, which are increasingly replacing high pressure CO2, until now the traditional method for carbonating fountain beverages. The technology offers consistent quality, greater ease of operation, and heightened efficiency and safety utilizing permanently installed on-site cryogenic storage tanks. NuCO2 provides systems and services that allow its customers to spend more time serving their customers. Visit the Company's website at www.nuco2.com.

Statements contained in this press release concerning the Company's outlook, competitive position and other statements of management's beliefs, goals and expectations are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in or implied by the statements. With respect to such forward-looking statements, we claim protection under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, the ability of the Company to add new accounts, competition and future operating performance. The Company disclaims any obligation to update any forward-looking statement as a result of developments occurring after the date of this press release.

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