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**NUCO2 ANNOUNCES ACQUISITION THAT ADDS 2,500 NEW ACCOUNTS  
IN SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA AND NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**

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**Strategic acquisition adds the leading bulk beverage  
carbonation supplier in Northern California**

STUART, FLORIDA, October 3, 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 acquisition of the bulk CO2 beverage carbonation business of Bay Area Equipment Co., Inc. of Pacheco California, which includes approximately 2,500 bulk and high pressure CO2 accounts, plus related assets.

Bay Area Equipment has a major presence in the San Francisco Bay Area and coverage throughout much of the Northern California market. NuCO2 currently serves this market through three depots in Hayward, Fresno and Sacramento, CA.

“This is an important, strategic acquisition that strengthens our existing sales, marketing, and operations activities in this market where we see considerable opportunity for growth,” said Jack Wilson, Chief Customer Officer of NuCO2. “In addition, it will contribute to improved customer density, even greater customer service levels, and increased operating efficiency in this market.”

NuCO2 said it anticipates that the acquisition will be accretive to operating and profit margins in the current fiscal year. The purchase price for the customers, installed equipment, and related assets was approximately \$4.9 million and it is expected to produce approximately \$2.4 million in sales annually.

“We are very pleased to have the owner and president of Bay Area Equipment, Mark Langford, join the NuCO2 family as part of this acquisition. Mark will continue to run this business unit as well as oversee other growing operations in the Northern California Region,” said Michael E. DeDomenico, Chief Executive Officer of NuCO2. “Mark has built a terrific business and we are also gaining the benefit of his management skills and experiences within the NuCO2 team,” DeDomenico added.

## 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](http://www.nuco2.com)

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