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**NUCO2 TO PRESENT AT BEAR STEARNS
12TH ANNUAL RETAIL, RESTAURANTS & CONSUMER CONFERENCE**

STUART, FLORIDA, March 7, 2006 - NuCO2 Inc. (NASDAQ: NUCO), the largest supplier in the U.S. of bulk CO2 systems and services for carbonating fountain beverages, today announced that it will be presenting an overview of the Company at the Bear Stearns 12th Annual Retail, Restaurants & Consumer Conference on March 8, 2006 in New York. Michael E. DeDomenico, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, will be conducting the presentation, which will cover the Company's positioning as the leading supplier of bulk CO2 to the U.S. fountain beverages industry, its operating philosophy, growth strategies and financial performance.

A copy of the presentation will be posted on the Company's web site at www.nuco2.com on the morning of the presentation.

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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