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PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT (To the Prospectus Dated September 22, 2011)

COFFEE HOLDING CO., INC.

890,000 Units

Each Unit Consisting of One Share of Common Stock and Three-Tenths (3/10ths) of a Warrant, Each to Purchase One Share of Common Stock

We are offering directly to selected investors 890,000 units, each of which consists of one share of our common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, and three-tenths (3/10ths) of a warrant, each to purchase one share of our common stock at an exercise price of \$13.59 per share. The units are being offered at a per unit price of \$10.40. No units will be issued, however, and investors will receive only shares of common stock and warrants. The common stock and the warrants may be transferred separately immediately upon issuance. The warrants will be exercisable on or after the date that is six months and one day after the date the warrants are issued and will expire on the fifth anniversary of the date the warrants become exercisable.

Concurrently with this offering, certain of our stockholders, a limited liability company of which Andrew Gordon (our President, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer) is the sole owner and David Gordon (our Executive Vice President of Operation and Secretary), are offering directly to selected investors 200,000 shares of our common stock at a public offering price of \$9.92 per share. These shares are being offered pursuant to a separate prospectus supplement under our shelf registration statement (Registration No. 333-176412). This offering is referred to in this prospectus supplement as the "selling stockholder offering." The offering of the units contemplated hereby is conditioned on the simultaneous consummation of the selling stockholder offering.

For a more detailed description of the common stock and warrants being offered hereby, see the section entitled "Description of Securities We Are Offering" on page S-16.

Our common stock is traded on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the symbol "JVA." On September 26, 2011, the last reported sale price of our common stock was \$11.82 per share. There is no established public trading market for the warrants, and we do not expect a market to develop. We do not intend to apply to list the warrants on any securities exchange.

We and the selling stockholders have retained Roth Capital Partners, LLC and Maxim Group LLC as our exclusive placement agents in connection with this offering and the selling stockholder offering. The placement agents have no obligation to buy any of the securities from us or to arrange for the purchase or sale of any specific number or dollar amount of securities. See "Plan of Distribution" beginning on page S-18 of this prospectus supplement for more information regarding these arrangements.

Our business and an investment in our securities involve significant risks. See "Risk Factors" beginning on page S-3 of this prospectus supplement and page 2 of the accompanying prospectus to read about factors that you should consider before making an investment decision.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus is truthful or complete.

Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

	Per Unit	Total
Public offering price	\$10.40	\$9,256,000
Placement agency fees (1)	\$0.572	\$509,080
Proceeds, before expenses, to us	\$9.828	\$8,746,920

(1) Does not include a corporate finance fee in the amount of 1.5%, or \$0.156 per unit, of the gross proceeds of the offering payable to the placement agents. We have also agreed to reimburse the placement agents for certain out of pocket expenses incurred by them up to an aggregate of \$90,000 with respect to this offering and the selling stockholder offering.

Roth Capital Partners, LLC and Maxim Group LLC are acting as the exclusive placement agents in this offering. Because there is no minimum offering amount, the actual offering amount, the placement agency fees and net proceeds to us, if any, in this offering may be substantially less than the total offering amounts set forth above. We are not required to sell any specific number or dollar amount of the securities offered in this offering, but the placement agents will use their reasonable efforts to arrange for the sale of all of the securities offered. We will not receive any proceeds from the shares sold by the selling stockholders.

Delivery of the securities will be made on or before September 30, 2011.

Roth Capital Partners

Maxim Group LLC

The date of this prospectus supplement is September 27, 2011.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

This document is in two parts. The first part is this prospectus supplement, which describes the specific terms of the offering and also adds to and updates information contained in the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. The second part, the accompanying prospectus dated September 22, 2011, including the documents incorporated by reference, provides more general information. Generally, when we refer to this prospectus supplement, we are referring to both parts of this document combined. To the extent there is a conflict between the information contained in this prospectus supplement, on the one hand, and the information contained in the accompanying prospectus or in any document incorporated by reference that was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, before the date of this prospectus supplement, on the other hand, you should rely on the information in this prospectus supplement. If any statement in one of these documents is inconsistent with a statement in another document having a later date-for example, a document incorporated by reference in the accompanying prospectus—the statement in the document having the later date modifies or supersedes the earlier statement. You should read this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including the information incorporated by reference and any free writing prospectus that we have authorized for use in connection with the offering by us and the prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including the information incorporated by reference and any free writing prospectus that we have authorized for use in connection with the offering by the selling stockholders, in their entirety before making an investment decision.

We have not authorized anyone to provide you with different or additional information. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus, the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, and in any free writing prospectus that we have authorized for use in connection with this offering is accurate only as of the respective dates of those documents. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.

We further note that the representations, warranties and covenants made by us and the selling stockholders in any agreement that is filed as an exhibit to any document that is incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus were made solely for the benefit of the parties to such agreement, including, in some cases, for the purpose of allocating risk among the parties to such agreements, and should not be deemed to be a representation, warranty or covenant to you. Moreover, such representations, warranties and covenants were accurate only as of the date when made; therefore, such representations, warranties and covenants should not be relied on as accurate representations of the current state of our or the selling stockholders' affairs.

PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT SUMMARY

This summary highlights certain information about us, this offering and information appearing elsewhere in this prospectus supplement, in the accompanying prospectus and in the documents we incorporate by reference. This summary is not complete and does not contain all of the information that you should consider before making an investment decision. To fully understand this offering and its consequences to you, you should read this entire prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus carefully, including the factors described under the headings "Risk Factors" in this prospectus supplement beginning on page S-3 and page 2 of the accompanying prospectus, together with any free writing prospectus we have authorized for use in connection with this offering and the financial statements and all other information incorporated by reference in this prospectus, except where the context otherwise requires, the terms "Coffee Holding," "we," "us" and "our" refer to Coffee Holding Co., Inc.

Coffee Holding Co, Inc.

We are an integrated wholesale coffee roaster and dealer in the United States. Our core products can be divided into three categories:

Wholesale Green Coffee: unroasted raw beans imported from around the world and sold to large and small roasters and coffee shop operators;

Private Label Coffee: coffee roasted, blended, packaged and sold under the specifications and names of others, including supermarkets that want to have their own brand name on coffee to compete with national brands; and Branded Coffee: coffee roasted and blended to our own specifications and packaged and sold under our

seven proprietary and licensed brand names in different segments of the market.

Our private label and branded coffee products are sold throughout the United States and Canada to supermarkets, wholesalers, and individually owned and multi-unit retail customers. Our unprocessed green coffee, which includes over 90 specialty coffee offerings, is sold to specialty gournet roasters.

We conduct our operations in accordance with strict freshness and quality standards. All of our private label and branded coffees are produced from high quality coffee beans that are deep roasted for full flavor using a slow roasting process that has been perfected utilizing our more than thirty years of experience in the coffee industry. In order to ensure freshness, our products are delivered to our customers within 72 hours of roasting. We believe that our long history has enabled us to develop a loyal customer base.

Our principal executive offices are located at 3475 Victory Boulevard, Staten Island, New York 10314, and our telephone number is (718) 832-0800. Our common stock is currently traded on the Nasdaq Capital Market ("Nasdaq") under the symbol "JVA." We maintain a corporate website at www.coffeeholding.com. The contents of our website are not incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and should not be considered to be a part of this prospectus or relied upon in connection herewith.

The Offering

Units	Units, each unit comprised of one share of our common stock and three-tenths (3/10ths) of a warrant to purchase one share of our common stock	
Common stock included in the units	890,000 shares	
Common stock issuable upon 267,000 shares exercise of warrants included in units		
Common stock to be outstanding after this offering and the selling stockholder offering	6,385,823 shares of common stock (1)	
Warrant exercise price and term	Each warrant may be exercised at any time on or after the date that is six months and one day after the date the warrants are issued until the fifth anniversary of the date the warrants become exercisable at an initial exercise price of \$13.59 per share of common stock, subject to adjustment. This prospectus also relates to the offering of the shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of the warrants.	
Listing	Our common stock is listed on Nasdaq, under the symbol "JVA." However, there is no established public trading market for the offered warrants, and we do not expect a market to develop. In addition, we do not intend to apply to list the warrants on any securities exchange.	
Risk Factors	Our business and an investment in our securities involve a high degree of risk. See "Risk Factors" and other information included or incorporated into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus for a discussion of the factors you should carefully consider before deciding to invest in our securities.	
Use of proceeds	We expect the net proceeds to us from this offering to be approximately \$8.3 million after deducting the placement agency fees, the corporate finance fee and our estimated offering expenses. The proceeds are intended to be used for working capital and general corporate purposes, including the acquisition of companies, businesses, technologies, products or assets or interests in joint ventures. See "Use of Proceeds" beginning on page S-14 of	

this prospectus supplement.

(1) The number of shares of common stock to be outstanding immediately after this offering as shown above is based on 5,495,823 shares of common stock outstanding as of the close of business on September 26, 2011. Excludes 267,000 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of the warrants to be issued in this offering.

RISK FACTORS

Investing in our securities involves a high degree of risk. You should consider the following risk factors and the risk factors contained in the accompanying prospectus, as well as other information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, and in any free writing prospectus that we have authorized for use in connection with this offering by us before making an investment decision. If any of these risks occur, our business, financial condition, results of operations and future prospects would likely be materially and adversely affected. In these circumstances, the market price of our common stock would likely decline and you may lose all or part of your investment. Share information set forth in these risk factors is as of the dates set forth herein and unless otherwise indicated, does not give effect to the issuance of the securities in connection with this offering by us.

Risks related to this offering

Since we have broad discretion in how we use the proceeds from this offering, we may use the proceeds in ways with which you disagree.

Our management will have significant flexibility in applying the net proceeds of this offering. You will be relying on the judgment of our management with regard to the use of these net proceeds, and you will not have the opportunity, as part of your investment decision, to assess whether the proceeds are being used appropriately. It is possible that the net proceeds will be invested in a way that does not yield a favorable, or any, return for us. The failure of our management to use such funds effectively could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, prospects, operating results and cash flow.

There is no minimum offering amount required to consummate this offering.

There is no minimum offering amount which must be raised in order for us to consummate this offering. Accordingly, the amount of money raised may not be sufficient for us to meet our business objectives. Moreover, if only a small amount of money is raised, all or substantially all of the offering proceeds may be applied to cover the offering expenses and we will not otherwise benefit from the offering. In addition, because there is no minimum offering amount required, investors will not be entitled to a return of their investment if we are unable to raise sufficient proceeds to meet our business objectives.

You will experience immediate dilution in the book value per share of the common stock you purchase.

Because the price per share of our common stock included in the units being offered is substantially higher than the book value per share of our common stock, you will suffer substantial dilution in the net tangible book value of the common stock you purchase in this offering. After giving effect to the sale by us of 890,000 shares of common stock underlying the units in this offering, and based on a public offering price of \$10.40 per unit in this offering and a pro forma net tangible book value per share of our common stock of \$2.66 as of July 31, 2011, without giving effect to the potential exercise of the warrants being offered by this prospectus supplement, if you purchase securities in this offering, you will suffer immediate and substantial dilution of \$6.81 per share in the net tangible book value of the common stock purchased. The selling stockholder offering will have no effect on the book value per share of our common stock. See "Dilution" on page S-15 for a more detailed discussion of the dilution you will incur in connection with this offering.

There is no public market for the warrants to purchase common stock in this offering.

There is no established public trading market for the warrants being offered in this offering, and we do not expect a market to develop. In addition, we do not intend to apply to list the warrants on any securities exchange. Without an active market, the liquidity of the warrants will be limited.

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Risks affecting our company

Because our business is highly dependent upon a single commodity, coffee, any decrease in demand for coffee could materially adversely affect our revenues and profitability. Our business is centered on essentially one commodity: coffee. Our operations have primarily focused on the following areas of the coffee industry:

the roasting, blending, packaging and distribution of private label coffee; the roasting, blending, packaging and distribution of proprietary branded coffee; and the sale of wholesale specialty green coffee.

Demand for our products is affected by:

consumer tastes and preferences; global economic conditions; demographic trends; and the type, number and location of competing products.

Because we rely on a single commodity, any decrease in demand for coffee would harm our business more than if we had more diversified product offerings and could materially adversely affect our revenues and operating results.

If we are unable to geographically expand our branded and private label products, our growth will be impeded which could result in reduced sales and profitability. Our business strategy emphasizes, among other things, geographic expansion of our branded and private label products as opportunities arise. We may not be able to implement successfully this portion of our business strategy. Our ability to implement this portion of our business strategy is dependent on our ability to:

market our products on a national scale; increase our brand recognition on a national scale; enter into distribution and other strategic arrangements with third party retailers; and manage growth in administrative overhead and distribution costs likely to result from the planned expansion of our distribution channels.

Our sales and profitability may be adversely affected if we fail to successfully expand the geographic distribution of our branded and private label products. In addition, our expenses could increase and our profits could decrease as we implement our growth strategy.

If our hedging policy is not effective, we may not be able to control our coffee costs, we may be forced to pay greater than market value for green coffee and our profitability may be reduced. The supply and price of coffee beans are subject to volatility and are influenced by numerous factors which are beyond our control. Historically, we have used short-term coffee futures and options contracts for the purpose of hedging the effects of changing green coffee prices. In addition, during the latter half of fiscal year 2000, we began to acquire futures contracts with longer terms, generally three to four months, for the purpose of guaranteeing an adequate supply of green coffee. Realized and unrealized gains or losses on options and futures contracts are reflected in our cost of sales. Gains on options and futures contracts, we have incurred losses on options and futures contracts, we have incurred losses on options and futures contracts during some reporting periods, including the three months ended July 31, 2011. Such losses have and could in the future materially increase our cost of sales and materially decrease our profitability and adversely affect our stock price.

Although the use of these derivative financial instruments has generally enabled us to mitigate the effect of changing prices, no strategy is 100% effective in eliminating pricing risks and we generally remain exposed to losses on futures contracts when prices decline significantly in a short period of time, and we would generally remain exposed to supply risk in the event of non-performance by the counterparties to any futures contracts. Although, historically, we generally have been able to pass green coffee price increases through to customers, thereby maintaining our gross profits, we may not be able to pass price increases through to our customers in the future. Our hedging strategy and the hedges that we enter into may not adequately offset the risks of coffee bean price volatility and our hedges may result in losses. Failure to properly design and implement an effective hedging strategy may materially adversely affect our business and operating results. In this case, our costs of sales may increase, resulting in a decrease in profitability.

Our revenues and profitability could be adversely affected if our joint ventures are not successful. In April 2006, we entered into a joint venture with Caruso's Coffee, Inc. of Brecksville, Ohio and formed GCC, which engages in the roasting, packaging and sale of private label specialty coffee products. In addition, we will continue to seek opportunities for new joint ventures. While we believe that the GCC joint venture will continue to be successful, losses in this joint venture or any future joint ventures would hurt our profitability.

In addition, we generally will not be in a position to exercise sole decision-making authority regarding our joint ventures. Investments in joint ventures may under certain circumstances, involve risks not present when a third party is not involved, including the possibility that joint venture partners might become bankrupt or fail to fund their share of the required capital contributions. Joint venture partners may have business interests, strategies or goals that are inconsistent with our business interests, strategies or goals and may be, in cases where we have a minority interest, in a position to take actions contrary to our policies, strategies or objectives. Any disputes that may arise between us and our joint venture partners may result in litigation or arbitration that could increase our expenses and could prevent our officers and/or directors from focusing their time and effort exclusively on our business strategies. In addition, we may in certain circumstances be liable for the actions of our third-party joint venture partners.

Any inability to successfully implement our strategy of growth through selective acquisitions, licensing arrangements and other strategic alliances, including joint ventures, could materially affect our revenues and profitability. Part of our growth strategy utilizes the selective acquisition of coffee companies, the selective acquisition or licensing of additional coffee brands and other strategic alliances, including joint ventures, presents risks that could result in increased expenditures and could materially adversely affect our revenues and profitability, including:

such acquisitions, licensing arrangements or other strategic alliances may divert our management's attention from our existing operations;

we may not be able to successfully integrate any acquired coffee companies or new coffee brands into our existing business;

we may not be able to manage the contingent risks associated with the past operations of, and other unanticipated problems arising in, any acquired coffee company; and

we may not be able to control unanticipated costs associated with such acquisitions, licensing arrangements or strategic alliances.

In addition, any such acquisitions, licensing arrangements or strategic alliances may result in:

potentially dilutive issuances of our equity securities; the incurrence of additional debt; restructuring charges; and the recognition of significant charges for depreciation and amortization related to intangible assets.

As has been our practice in the past, we will continuously evaluate any such acquisitions, licensing opportunities or strategic alliances as they arise. However, we have not reached any new agreements or arrangements with respect to any such acquisition, licensing opportunity or strategic alliance (other than those described herein) at this time and we may not be able to consummate any acquisitions, licensing arrangements or strategic alliances on terms favorable to us or at all. The failure to consummate any such acquisitions, licensing arrangements or strategic alliances may reduce our growth and expansion. In addition, if these acquisitions, licensing opportunities or strategic alliances are not successful, our earnings could be materially adversely affected by increased expenses and decreased revenues.

We are dependent on sales of wholesale green coffee to Green Mountain Coffee Roasters. The loss of any of our key customers could negatively affect our revenues and decrease our earnings. We are dependant upon sales of wholesale green coffee to one customer, Green Mountain Coffee Roasters ("GMCR"). Sales to GMCR accounted for approximately 47% and 35% of our net sales for the fiscal years ended October 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively, and approximately 54% of our net sales for the nine months ended July 31, 2011.

Although no other customer accounted for greater than 10% of our net sales during this period, other customers may account for more than 10% of our net sales in future periods. We generally do not have long-term contracts with these or any of our customers. Accordingly, our customers can stop purchasing our products at any time without penalty and are free to purchase products from our competitors. The loss of, or reduction in sales to, customers such as GMCR or any of our other customers to which we sell a significant amount of our products or any material adverse change in the financial condition of such customers would negatively affect our revenues and decrease our earnings.

If we lose our key personnel, including Andrew Gordon and David Gordon, our revenues and profitability could suffer. Our success depends to a large degree upon the services of Andrew Gordon, our President, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, and David Gordon, our Executive Vice President – Operations and Secretary. We also depend to a large degree on the expertise of our coffee roasters. We do not have employment contracts with our coffee roasters. Our ability to source and purchase a sufficient supply of high quality coffee beans and to roast coffee beans consistent with our quality standards could suffer if we lose the services of any of these individuals. As a result, our business and operating results would be adversely affected. We may not be successful in obtaining and retaining a replacement for either Andrew Gordon or David Gordon if they elect to stop working for us. In addition, we do not have key-person insurance on the lives of Andrew Gordon or David Gordon.

Our indebtedness may adversely affect our ability to obtain additional funds and may increase our vulnerability to economic or business downturns. As of July 31, 2011, the total outstanding principal amount of our debt outstanding under our revolving line of credit was \$6.7 million and this debt accrues interest at variable rates. We may experience material increases in our interest expense as a result of increases in general interest rate levels. Subject to certain restrictions, we may incur additional indebtedness in the future. Our outstanding debt could have important negative consequences to the holders of our securities, including the following:

general domestic and global economic conditions;

a portion of our cash flow from operations will be needed to pay debt service and will not be available to fund future operations;

we have increased vulnerability to adverse general economic and coffee industry conditions; and we may be vulnerable to higher interest rates because interest expense on borrowings under our revolving line of credit is based on variable rates.

Our ability to make payments on our indebtedness and to fund our operations depends on our ability to generate cash in the future. Our future operating performance is subject to market conditions and business factors that are beyond our control. If our cash flows and capital resources are insufficient to allow us to make scheduled payments on our debt, we may have to reduce or delay capital expenditures, sell assets, seek additional capital or restructure or refinance our debt.

Our indebtedness contains covenants that restrict our operations and failure to comply with the terms of such indebtedness could result in a default that could have material adverse consequences for us. Our revolving line of credit contains covenants that place annual restrictions on our operations, including covenants related to debt restrictions, capital expenditures, minimum deposit restrictions, tangible net worth, net profit, leverage, employee loan restrictions, distribution restrictions (common stock and preferred stock), dividend restrictions and restrictions on intercompany transactions. In addition, our revolving line of credit requires that we maintain a minimum working capital at all times. Although we are currently in compliance with the covenants, our ability to comply with these covenants may be affected by general economic and industry conditions, as well as market fluctuations in coffee prices and other events beyond our control. We do not know if we will be able to satisfy all such covenants in the future. Our breach of any of the covenants contained in our revolving line of credit could result in a default under such agreement. In the event of a default, the lender could elect not to make additional loans to us, could require us to repay some of our outstanding debt prior to maturity, and/or to declare all amounts borrowed by us, together with accrued interest, to be due and payable. In the event that this occurs, we may be unable to repay all such accelerated indebtedness.

We have pledged substantially all of our assets to secure our borrowings and are subject to covenants that may restrict our ability to operate our business. Any indebtedness that we incur under our revolving line of credit is secured by substantially all of our tangible and intangible assets. If we default under the indebtedness secured by our assets, those assets would be available to the secured creditors to satisfy our obligations to the secured creditors.

If our planned increase in marketing expenditures fails to promote and enhance our brands, the value of our brands could decrease and our revenues and profitability could be adversely affected. We believe that promoting and enhancing our brands is critical to our success. We intend to continue to increase our marketing expenditures to increase awareness of our brands, which we expect will create and maintain brand loyalty. If our brand-building strategy is unsuccessful, these expenses may never be recovered, and we may be unable to increase awareness of our brands. If we are unable to achieve these goals, our revenues and ability to implement our business strategy could be adversely affected.

Our success in promoting and enhancing our brands will also depend on our ability to provide customers with high quality products and service. Although we take measures to ensure that we sell only fresh roasted coffee, we have no control over our roasted coffee products once they are purchased by our customers. Accordingly, wholesale customers may store our coffee for longer periods of time or resell our coffee without our consent, in each case, potentially affecting the quality of the coffee prepared from our products. Although we believe we are less susceptible to quality control problems than many of our competitors because a majority of our products are sold in cans or brick packs unlike whole bean coffees, if consumers do not perceive our products and service to be of high quality, then the value of our brands may be diminished and, consequently, our operating results and ability to implement our business strategy may be adversely affected.

Our roasting methods are not proprietary, so competitors may be able to duplicate them, which could harm our competitive position. If our competitive position is weakened, our revenues and profitability could be materially adversely affected. We consider our roasting methods essential to the flavor and richness of our roasted coffee and, therefore, essential to our brands of coffee. Because we do not hold any patents for our roasting methods, it may be difficult for us to prevent competitors from copying our roasting methods if such methods become known. If our competitors copy our roasting methods, the value of our coffee brands may be diminished, and we may lose customers to our competitors. In addition, competitors may be able to develop roasting methods that are more advanced than our roasting methods, which may also harm our competitive position.

The success of our brand also depends in part on our intellectual property. We rely on a combination of trademarks, copyrights, service marks, trade secrets and similar rights to protect our intellectual property. The success of our growth strategy depends on our continued ability to use our existing trademarks and service marks in order to increase brand awareness and further develop our brand in both domestic and international markets. If our efforts to protect our intellectual property are not adequate, or if any third party misappropriates or infringes on our intellectual property, the value of our brand may be harmed, which could have a material adverse effect on our business. We may become engaged in litigation to protect our intellectual property, which could result in substantial costs to us as well as diversion of management attention.

Since we rely heavily on common carriers to ship our coffee on a daily basis, any disruption in their services or increase in shipping costs could adversely affect our relationship with our customers, which could result in reduced revenues, increased operating expenses, a loss of customers or reduced profitability. We rely on a number of common carriers to deliver coffee to our customers and to deliver coffee beans to us. We have no control over these common carriers and the services provided by them may be interrupted as a result of labor shortages, contract disputes and other factors. If we experience an interruption in these services, we may be unable to ship our coffee in a timely manner, which could reduce our revenues and adversely affect our relationship with our customers. In addition, a delay in shipping could require us to contract with alternative, and possibly more expensive, common carriers and could cause orders to be cancelled or receipt of goods to be refused. Any significant increase in shipping costs could lower our profit margins or force us to raise prices, which could cause our revenue and profits to suffer.

If there was a significant interruption in the operation of our Colorado facility, we may not have the capacity to service all of our customers and we may not be able to service our customers in a timely manner, thereby reducing our revenues and earnings. We are dependent on the continued operations of our Colorado coffee roasting and distribution facility. Our ability to maintain our computer and telecommunications equipment in effective working order and to protect against damage from fire, natural disaster, power loss, telecommunications failure or similar events. In addition, growth of our customer base may strain or exceed the capacity of our systems and lead to degradations in performance or systems failure. Although we continually review and consider upgrades to our order fulfillment infrastructure and provide for system redundancies to limit the likelihood of systems overload or failure, substantial damage to our systems or a systems failure that causes interruptions for a number of days could adversely affect our business. Additionally, if we are unsuccessful in updating and expanding our order fulfillment

infrastructure, our ability to grow may be constrained. As a result, our revenues and earnings could be materially adversely affected.

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A worsening of the United States economy could materially adversely affect our business. Our revenues and performance depend on consumer confidence and spending, which have recently deteriorated due to current worldwide economic downturn. This economic downturn and decrease in consumer s