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Grocers Recognize Hajlo of PepsiCo Beverages North America As 2019 Outstanding Vendor

St. Paul, MN – August 2, 2019 – Mike Hajlo, Director of Retail Sales of PepsiCo Beverages North America in Burnsville, MN, was honored by the MGA with its 2019 Outstanding Vendor award. This award is given to those who show innovation in customer support, excellence in customer service, as well as involvement in the MGA. This award was presented by MGA Board Chair, Kris Kowalski Christiansen, and MGA President, Jamie Pfuhl on July 28, 2019 at the MGA's Annual Conference in Brainerd, MN, which was attended by over 350 members of the Minnesota food industry.

Hajlo has been with PepsiCo Beverages North America for 42 years. He started his career as a driver, moving through the ranks of the company to now overseeing six states as the Director of Retail. Over his career, he has earned some of the most prestigious awards in PepsiCo, including Best of the Best. He personally takes time to coach and mentor individuals within the company. He has served on the MGA Board of Directors for the past ten years and is very active within the association.

Hajlo and his wife Gwen have three children and three grandchildren which they adore. In his spare time, he enjoys fishing, attending sporting events, golfing, and landscaping.

Hajlo works diligently to provide retail partners the best service possible and his commitment and support of the MGA is significant. This exemplifies why he was honored with the 2019 Outstanding Vendor award.

The Minnesota Grocers Association (MGA) is the only state trade association that represents the food industry of Minnesota from farm to fork. We are one of the oldest trade associations in the state, celebrating over 120 years of advancing industry. We have over 300 retail, manufacture, and wholesale members supporting nearly 1,300 locations statewide. Our member companies employ over 150,000 union and non-union Minnesotans. We actively advance the common interest of all those engaged in any aspect of the retail food industry as a leader and advocate in government affairs.

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