

Coca-Cola International Services, located at Southgate, Dublin Road, Drogheda, in which over €6m was invested by the company, provides professional and innovative services, solutions and governance to Coca-Cola operations across 6 continents.

The two main operations based at Southgate are the Global Business Services Regional Finance Centre which provides financial and other services for Coca-Cola marketing operations in Europe and Eurasia and CPS Ireland Services, which provides services to manufacturing operations in Ireland and globally. Over 200 people are employed on the site in skilled positions in areas such as Business Systems, Finance, Human Resources, Legal, Public Affairs and Communications, Masterdata Management, Procurement, Product Commercialisation and Traffic.

Muhtar Kent, Chairman and CEO of The Coca-Cola Company, commented last year "The Coca-Cola brand has been in Ireland for more than half a century and our long history here gives us continued confidence in the strength of the Irish workforce, the commitment of the Irish government and the know-how of Irish people to support our business."

The capability, efficiency and commitment of the team in Drogheda has enabled the Company to position Ireland and Drogheda as a good place to do business and resulted in the Drogheda operation taking on a wide range of global and regional activities.

Mr. Harry Anderson, Senior Vice President, Global Business & Technology Services, commented at the official opening of the Southgate premises in October 2011 "The town of Drogheda has excellent, well-educated people who are flexible and innovative. Drogheda is accessible, with an international airport and a motorway on its doorstep, and has a great quality of life. People enjoy coming to visit and live here."

At the same event Fergus O'Dowd, T.D., Minister at the Department of Communications, Energy & Natural Resources said: "I am delighted to officially open Coca-Cola's Global Business Shared Services organisation in Drogheda today. This centre is a further endorsement of Ireland as a prime location for strategic business services activities."

Coca-Cola International Services is firmly rooted in the life of Drogheda, having operated in the locality for 40 years and annually supports over 80 different community events in the areas of amateur sport, arts, environmental projects, education and community welfare in the Drogheda area and its environs.