



## Newell Brands Finalizes Sistema Acquisition and Announces Progress on Strategic Divestitures

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HOBOKEN, N.J.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Newell Brands Inc. (NYSE:NWL) announced today that it has made progress on its previously communicated plans to strengthen and focus its portfolio. The company announced progress in three areas including the completion of the acquisition of Sistema Plastics, a leading New Zealand based manufacturer and marketer of innovative food storage containers with strong market shares and presence in Australia, New Zealand, U.K. and parts of continental Europe.

"We are delighted to welcome the Sistema team to Newell Brands," said Michael Polk, Chief Executive Officer, Newell Brands. "The inclusion of the Sistema brand to our current portfolio of food storage and preservation brands, including Rubbermaid food storage, FoodSaver vacuum seal food preservation system and Ball canning and crafting jars, significantly extends our geographic footprint and strengthens our leadership position in this on-trend, growing global category."

Sistema Plastics is one of the fastest-growing brands in the Food Storage market, with annual sales of approximately \$145 million. The purchase price was NZ\$660 million (US\$460 million) and the acquisition is expected to be immediately accretive to normalized earnings. The Sistema acquisition was funded by cash on hand.

The company also announced today the completion of the sale of the Rubbermaid consumer storage business to United Solutions and the signing of a definitive agreement to sell its small central European Teutonia baby stroller business to a private investor. The terms of the Rubbermaid consumer storage containers business acquisition by United Solutions includes a five-year license for the use of the Rubbermaid brand name in this category. The Rubbermaid consumer storage business represents less than 5 percent of total Rubbermaid brand sales. Newell Brands will retain all other Rubbermaid-branded products. Financial terms of both agreements were not disclosed.

Other previously announced divestitures are proceeding in line with expectations. Net proceeds from completed and pending divestitures will be primarily used to pay down debt and accelerate deleveraging of the company to the previously communicated leverage ratio target of 3 to 3.5 times.

### About Newell Brands

Newell Brands (NYSE: NWL) is a leading global consumer goods company with a strong portfolio of well-known brands, including Paper Mate®, Sharpie®, Dymo®, EXPO®, Parker®, Elmer's®, Coleman®, Jostens®, Marmot®, Rawlings®, Oster®, Sunbeam®, FoodSaver®, Mr. Coffee®, Rubbermaid Commercial Products®, Graco®, Baby Jogger®, NUK®, Calphalon®, Rubbermaid®, Contigo®, First Alert®, Waddington and Yankee Candle®. Newell Brands makes life better for hundreds of millions of consumers every day, where they live, learn, work and play.

This press release and additional information about Newell Brands are available on the company's website, [www.newellbrands.com](http://www.newellbrands.com).

### Forward-Looking Statements

Forward-looking statements in this press release are made in reliance upon the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements may relate to, but are not limited to, information or assumptions about the effects of sales (including pricing), income/(loss), earnings per share, return on equity, return on invested capital, operating income, operating margin or gross margin improvements or declines, Project Renewal, capital and other expenditures, working capital, cash flow, dividends, capital structure, debt to capitalization ratios, debt ratings, availability of financing, interest rates, restructuring and other project costs, impairment and other charges, potential losses on divestitures, impacts of changes in accounting standards, pending legal proceedings and claims (including environmental matters), future economic performance, costs and cost savings, inflation or deflation with respect to raw materials and sourced products, productivity and streamlining, changes in foreign exchange rates, product recalls, expected benefits and synergies and financial results from recently completed acquisitions and planned acquisitions and divestitures and management's plans, goals and objectives for future operations, performance and growth or the assumptions relating to any of the forward-looking statements. These statements generally are accompanied by words such as "intend," "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "project," "target," "plan," "expect," "will," "should," "would" or similar statements. The Company cautions that forward-looking statements are not guarantees because there are inherent difficulties in predicting future results. Actual results could differ materially from those expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those suggested by the forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, the Company's dependence on the strength of retail, commercial and industrial sectors of the economy in light of the continuation of challenging economic conditions, particularly outside of the United States; competition with other manufacturers and distributors of consumer products; major retailers' strong bargaining power and consolidation of the Company's customers; the Company's ability to improve productivity, reduce complexity and streamline operations; the Company's ability to develop innovative new products and to develop, maintain and strengthen its end-user brands, including the ability to realize anticipated benefits of increased advertising and promotion spend; risks related to the substantial indebtedness that the Company incurred in connection with the Jarden Acquisition; risks related to a potential increase in interest rates; the Company's ability to complete planned acquisitions and divestitures; difficulties integrating Jarden and other acquisitions and unexpected costs or expenses associated with acquisitions; changes in the prices of raw materials and sourced products and the Company's ability to obtain raw materials and sourced products in a timely manner from suppliers; the risks inherent in the Company's foreign operations, including currency fluctuations, exchange controls and pricing restrictions; a failure of one of the Company's key information technology systems or related controls; future events that could adversely affect the value of the Company's assets and require impairment charges; United States and foreign regulatory impact on the Company's operations including environmental remediation costs; the potential inability to attract, retain and motivate key employees; the imposition of tax liabilities greater than the Company's provisions for such matters; product liability, product recalls or regulatory actions; the Company's ability to protect its intellectual property rights; changes to the Company's credit ratings; significant increases in the funding obligations related to the Company's pension plans due to declining asset values, declining interest rates or otherwise, and those factors listed in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (including the information set forth under the caption "Risk Factors" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K). Changes in such assumptions or factors could produce significantly different results. The information contained in this news release is as of the date indicated. The company assumes no obligation to update any forward-looking statements contained in this news release as a result of new information

or future events or developments. In addition, there can be no assurance that the Company has correctly identified and assessed all of the factors affecting the Company or that the publicly available and other information the Company receives with respect to these factors is complete or correct.



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