

Westrock Coffee Creates Financial Services Center in NC Focused on Strategic Growth



Little Rock, Ark. and Concord, N.C.--August 3, 2021 -- Westrock Coffee Company, LLC ("Westrock Coffee"), a global manufacturer of private label beverage solutions for retailers and the foodservice industry, announced today the creation of a Financial Shared Services Center in Concord, NC, supporting the company's domestic operations. Westrock Coffee acquired Concord-based S&D Coffee & Tea in February 2020 and the combined company now employs about 1,200 people globally.

"We are pleased to announce the launch of our new shared services center in Concord. A centralized account team in the heart of our coffee, tea, extracts, and ingredients manufacturing operations will drive the scalability and efficiencies necessary to support Westrock's future growth," said Chris Pledger, Westrock Coffee's chief financial officer. "The workforce in the Charlotte region is globally recognized as a financial services hub and we are excited about leveraging that talent base."

With global operations headquartered in Little Rock, Westrock Coffee continues to be committed to growing its operations in North Carolina and recognizes the importance of the nearly 100-year commitment S&D has made to the surrounding community.

"Since 1927, S&D Coffee and Tea has richly invested in Concord through their physical facilities, workforce and community support," said Mayor Bill Dusch, mayor of Concord, NC. "As one of our largest employers, we are thrilled to see their commitment to continue their development and expansion here."

The company expects this group to initially consist of 40 accounting professionals with immediate plans to scale the size of the team as the company grows.

About Westrock Coffee Company

Westrock Coffee Company, LLC is the leading integrated coffee, tea, and extract service provider in the US, providing coffee sourcing and financing, supply chain management, roasting, packaging, and distribution services to retailers, restaurants, convenience stores, commercial accounts, and hospitality customers around the world. With offices in 10 countries, the company sources coffee and tea from 35 origin countries and provides service under both the Westrock Coffee and S&D Coffee & Tea brands.