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CONCORDIA LAUNCHES THE FASTEST ESPRESSO SYSTEM IN THE WORLD, THE XPRESS 6

New System Produces Over 850 Specialty Drink Choices At Lightning Speed

CHICAGO MAY 22 – Concordia Coffee Systems, Inc., the worldwide leader in self-serve espresso systems, announced today the Xpress 6 (X6). The X6 is the fastest commercial espresso system available on the market.

On exhibit at the National Restaurant Show in Chicago, the company's latest innovation was developed specifically for applications where consistent café quality and speed of service are critical. In a single step, using Concordia's proprietary and patent pending technology, the X6 pumps milk from the integrated refrigerator, steams and foams it to the perfect consistency, and infuses flavors all at the rate of one ounce per second! For example, after touching the start button, the X6 creates perfect 8 ounce mochas in 8.5 seconds and rich espresso is automatically added to the beverage. In the time it takes to toast a slice of bread the X6 can create seven 12 oz. drinks. For example you can create a mocha, a vanilla latte, a caramel latte, a non-fat latte, a chai latte, and 2 hot chocolates. "Customers want to purchase café quality espresso drinks in locations other than the traditional café. Speed of service, beverage quality, and equipment reliability are critical. The new X6 gives the operator the speed of service that they demand. At the same time, we have simplified the milk preparation process, and that leads

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to increased reliability, provides additional control over drink temperatures and milk foam, and provides whisper quiet operation” said David Isett, President of Concordia.

The X6 features two fresh espresso bean choices stored in high-capacity hoppers; and a solid-state, on-board refrigerator that holds two standard one-gallon containers of fresh milk. The system uses six, rich all-naturally flavored Torani™ syrups and sauces that are infused into the beverage during the milk preparation process. The infusion process is accomplished using the company's proprietary, patented EspressoJet™ Flavor System. Milk, flavors, and steam come together to create a Maillard Reaction which bonds the ingredients and intensifies the beverage experience. The microprocessor controlled X6 manages portion control and the precision brewing process, and provides an automated cleaning system to deliver predictably consistent product and complete process control. The X6 creates both hot and cold beverages at the touch of a button.

Matthew Yorke Smith at Coffee Planet, a Concordia X6 test customer said, “There’s nothing quite like the X6! Our customers continuously comment on the high quality of the drink. At the same time the amazing speed of the X6 provides staff increased opportunities to interact with customers and to sell add-ons...and the iced drink is unbelievable.”

Once the beverage type is selected, the machine automatically grinds fresh whole espresso beans and steams and froths the milk for “...a perfect drink

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every time.” Concordia’s highly reliable machines are noted for stringent quality control standards that meet the safety and health requirements of international regulatory agencies. Concordia will also be unveiling the second generation of the very successful Integrated Beverage System product line. The new generation, called the Integra series, will also be on display.

Concordia Coffee Systems is a U.S. corporation headquartered in Bellevue, WA and is a leading manufacturer of automated beverage systems. All Concordia machines are made in the USA. Concordia broke new ground in 1990 by incorporating the milk-steaming process with coffee bean grinding and brewing in a single machine. Now active in multiple worldwide markets, the company has thousands of customers pouring millions of drinks, on a daily basis on the most reliable espresso systems in the world.

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