



Novvia Group Acquires Garrett Hewitt International St. Louis, M.O. – May 1, 2025

Global rigid container and life sciences packaging distributor, Novvia Group (“Novvia”), has acquired Garrett Hewitt International (“GHI”), a New York-based supplier of plastic and glass containers and other cosmetic packaging products. Financial terms of the private transaction were not disclosed. Novvia is backed by Kelso & Company (“Kelso”). Founded in 1964 and headquartered in Fishkill, NY, GHI primarily serves customers in the consumer beauty and fragrance markets. The combination strengthens Novvia’s presence in consumer packaging distribution following the company’s January 2025 acquisition of Saxco, and its simultaneous launching of Novvia’s consumer product distribution division. Jason Clerke, owner of GHI, will continue to run the business and manage day-to-day operations. “We are thrilled to partner with Novvia to support our continued growth,” said Clerke. “We look forward to leveraging Novvia’s strong supplier relationships and resources to continue to provide value to our customers.” The transaction marks Novvia’s first consumer-oriented acquisition since its acquisition of Saxco in January 2025. “Since acquiring Saxco, we have been focused on identifying complementary consumer businesses and end markets with strong and durable growth profiles, diverse supply bases, and high degrees of fragmentation. GHI fits well within this consumer thesis,” said Ken Roessler, Executive Chairman of Novvia. “We look forward to working with Jason and his team to capitalize on these attractive attributes and continue the company’s growth trajectory,” added Roessler. For more information about GHI, please visit <https://www.garretthewitt.com/>.

About Novvia Group

Novvia Group is a leader in high-quality packaging solutions and customized services with domestic and international customers across myriad of industries. Through its family of dynamic companies, comprised of Inmark, C.L. Smith, Silver Spur, Container Supply, Fox Valley, Rhino, Novvia Canada, Southern Container, Duval Container, Rios, Auberst, Innovative Container, Rahway, Northern Container, Ocean State, JWJ Packaging, Liquid Bottles, Saxco, MegaChem, and GHI, Novvia has set a new industry standard as a national stocking distributor with a comprehensive suite of containers and supplies, trusted local relationships and 40+ years of best-in-class customer service. For more information, please visit www.novviagroup.com.

About Kelso

Kelso is one of the oldest and most established firms specializing in private equity investing. Since 1980, Kelso has invested over \$20 billion of equity capital in over 140 transactions. Kelso was founded by the inventor of the Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) and, as a result, the principles of partnership and alignment of interest serve as the foundation of the firm’s investment philosophy. Kelso benefits from a successful investment track record, deep sector expertise, a long tenured and stable investing team, and a reputation as a preferred partner to management teams and corporate partners. Kelso has significant experience investing in and supporting high-growth distribution and packaging platforms. The firm is based in New York, NY. For more information, please visit www.kelso.com.