

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
ATLANTA DIVISION**

LINDA INGRAM, et al.,	:	
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Plaintiff,	:	
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v.	:	CIVIL ACTION NO.
	:	1:98-CV-3679-RWS
THE COCA-COLA COMPANY,	:	
	:	
Defendant.	:	

ORDER

The Court has received a letter from Deval Patrick, General Counsel for the Coca-Cola Company requesting that the Court extend the term of the Task Force for one (1) year. The term of the Task Force that was appointed pursuant to the Settlement Agreement reached in this case is due to expire in December 2005. The Court will treat Mr. Patrick's letter as a Motion to Extend the Term of the Task Force, and the Clerk is directed to file the letter and docket it as such.

Since their appointment, the members of the Task Force have been working with Coca-Cola in reviewing Coca-Cola's existing personnel policies and developing new policies and procedures to assure full participation and opportunities for all employees. Changes in leadership at Coca-Cola have

occurred during the term of the Task Force. Most recently, Neville Isdell has been appointed Chief Executive Officer and Cynthia McCague has been appointed Chief of Human Resources. Mr. Patrick, on behalf of Coca Cola, seeks the continued assistance of the Task Force as these individuals assume leadership of the company.

The Court finds that the requested extension is in the best interests of Coca-Cola and the Plaintiff class. Class counsel supports the request. The Court has conferred with Alexis Hermann, Chair of the Task Force and the members of the Task Force are willing to continue their service.

Substantial progress has been made by Coca-Cola since the Settlement Agreement was entered into. Delays attributable to turnovers in leadership at the company have affected the time required to achieve the goals of the Agreement. However, the Court continues to be impressed that Coca-Cola is working in good faith to achieve those goals. The Court views Coca-Cola's unsolicited request to extend the term of the Task Force as further evidence of its good faith. Coca-Cola's Motion to Extend the Term of the Task Force is hereby **GRANTED**, and said term is hereby extended through December 2006.

SO ORDERED, this 24th day of November, 2004

/s/ Richard W. Story
RICHARD W. STORY
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE