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# Bunzl McLaughlin Gifting Free Disposables to Hospitality Industry across Ireland

Bunzl McLaughlin, a leading hospitality and catering supplies business in Ireland, is doing its part to help combat the increasingly imminent future of the hospitality industry throughout Ireland.

Devastatingly, the Coronavirus outbreak has forced many hoteliers and restaurants to close their doors, with no guarantee if, or when, they will be in a position to reopen.

Bunzl McLaughlin are encouraging the industry to persevere through these tough times, calling for creativity and alternative solutions to stay afloat.

Determined and committed to helping the industry emerge stronger than ever, Bunzl McLaughlin has responded by offering **free** disposable cups to hotels, restaurants, cafes and food outlets throughout Ireland.

This week, it was revealed that the Government has <u>released plans</u> to grant permission for pubs and restaurants to operate as takeaways during the Coronavirus outbreak.

This initiative is fully supported by Bunzl McLaughlin, for who the hospitality industry can rely on to provide a full product portfolio, enabling outlets to make the transition from a sit-down restaurant to takeaway.

Launching a <u>Food-To-Go Product Guide</u>, Bunzl McLaughlin are paving a pathway to survival through such an uncertain time.

The Food-To-Go Product Guide is now available to <u>download</u>. The guide is packed with disposable takeaway options to help suitably serve the industry and the wider population.

# Noel Branagh, Managing Director of Bunzl McLaughlin commented:

"We are facing some challenging times ahead. We must all stand together in facing the harsh reality of the situation over the coming days & weeks.

"We want to help alleviate as much stress as possible for the hospitality industry by gifting free disposable cups to businesses throughout Ireland, in the hope that this will enable outlets to continue operating on some level.

"In addition, our Food-To-Go Product Guide showcases a full range of disposable and sustainable products that will support eateries offering takeaway and food-to-go options.

"Our aim is to guide and empower the hospitality industry through these challenging times, assisting as best we can in helping the industry get back to business in the very near future."

For more information, or to claim your 100 free disposable paper cups (T&Cs apply), please contact: <u>bmlmarketing@bunzl.ie</u> or call: (NI) 028 3751 1999 / (Rol) 015 337 300

# Terms and conditions of free disposable cups offer:

- 100 disposable paper cups per business outlet.
- Only available while stocks last.
- Must be claimed before 12 noon, Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020.

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### Note to Editors

### **Contact Information**

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### About Bunzl McLaughlin

Bunzl McLaughlin, based in Co.Armagh, Northern Ireland, has been supplying the hospitality trade since 1874. Originally Thomas McLaughlin, the company was acquired by Bunzl, a multi-national FTSE 100 distributor of non-food consumables and equipment, in 2002. Bunzl subsequently added a number of leading cleaning and non-food retail businesses to create Bunzl McLaughlin and offers catering supplies to businesses throughout North and South of Ireland.