

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

October 30, 2023

Sudhanshu Priyadarshi Chief Financial Officer Keurig Dr Pepper Inc. 53 South Avenue Burlington, Massachusetts 01803

Re: Keurig Dr Pepper Inc.

Form 10-K for the Year Ended December 31, 2022 Form 10-Q for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2023 Form 8-K furnished October 26, 2023 File No. 001-33829

Dear Sudhanshu Priyadarshi:

We have limited our review of your filing to the financial statements and related disclosures and have the following comment(s).

Please respond to this letter within ten business days by providing the requested information or advise us as soon as possible when you will respond. If you do not believe a comment applies to your facts and circumstances, please tell us why in your response.

After reviewing your response to this letter, we may have additional comments.

#### Form 10-K for the Year Ended December 31, 2022

Managements Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Results of Operations, page 29

1. Where you describe two or more business reasons that contributed to a material change in a financial statement line item between periods, please quantify, where possible, the extent to which each factor contributed to the overall change in that line item. Please apply this comment to both your consolidated and segment results of operations. As an example, your disclosures on page 30 attribute the increase in selling, general and administrative expenses to higher logistics costs, inflation, volume/mix impacts, increases in labor, and unfavorable mark to market losses and only the mark to market loss is quantified. See Item 303 of Regulation S-K and SEC Release No. 33-8350.

#### Supplemental Guarantor Financial Information, page 41

2. We note that the summarized financial information disclosed for the Parent and

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Guarantors includes net sales, income from operations and net income attributable to KDP. Please revise your disclosure in future filings to include the disclosure of gross profit. See Rule 13-01(a)(4) and Rule 1-02(bb)(1)(ii) of Regulation S-X.

#### Non-GAAP Financial Measures, page 42

3. We note that several of your adjusted measures include an adjustment for productivity. Please tell us the nature of these productivity expenses adjustments and explain to us why you do not believe these costs represent normal operating costs. See Question 100.01 in the SEC Staff's Compliance & Disclosure Interpretations on Non-GAAP Financial Measures.

#### **Financial Statements**

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

3. Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

Impairment Analysis, page 70

- 4. We note that you performed an interim impairment analysis as of September 30, 2022, recording a \$311 million impairment and also performed your annual impairment analysis as of October 1, 2022, recording a \$161 million impairment. Please address the following:
  - Summarize for us the changes in circumstances and/or assumptions that led to the multiple impairment charges over a relatively short period of time.
  - Explain the timing for recognizing the \$161 million impairment and provide your basis for concluding that this additional impairment did not exist as of September 30, 2022.
  - Tell us whether your valuation assumptions changed between your September 30, 2022 and October 1, 2022 impairment tests.

#### Form 10-Q for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2023

**Financial Statements** 

Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

1. General

Reportable Segments, page 8

5. We note that effective January 1, 2023, you revised your segment structure to align with changes in how the CODM manages the business, assesses performance and allocate resources. We further note that the change resulted in three reportable segments from the former four reportable segments. Please explain to us in detail, the events that led to the change in reportable segments. For example, please tell us if there was a change in segment managers that report to the CODM, level of detail of the financial information reviewed by the CODM, or other factors that led to this change. As part of your response, please also tell us, and revise future filings to disclose, if in this new structure, any

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operating segments have been aggregated into any of the reportable segments. See guidance in ASC 280-10-50-21. If you have aggregated certain operating segments, please provide us with a detailed analysis as to why you believe aggregation is consistent with the criteria in ASC 280-10-50-11.

#### 7. Revenue Recognition, page 19

6. We note that you have changed the level of disaggregation of revenue from five product lines (CSD, NCB, K-Cup pods, Appliances, and Other), to four product lines (LRB, K-Cup pods, Appliances and Other). Please explain to us why you believe it is no longer useful to disclose the CSD and NCB product lines, or any other product lines, but instead combine them into the LRB line item. As part of your response, please consider the guidance in ASC 606-10-55-89 through 55-91.

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## Exhibit 99.1 Earnings Release Non-GAAP Financial Measures, page 4

7. Your disclosure indicates that the non-GAAP measures you present are adjusted gross profit, adjusted operating income, adjusted net income, adjusted diluted EPS, and free cash flow. However, your reconciliations beginning on page A-6 also present adjusted amounts for cost of sales, gross margin, SG&A, other income income, net, operating margin, interest expense, loss on early extinguishment of debt, impairment of investments and note receivable, other (income) expense, net, income before provision for income taxes, provision (benefit) for income taxes, effective tax rate, EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA, and Management Leverage Ratio. Please revise to identify all non-GAAP measures and ensure the relevant disclosures of Item 10(e)(1)(i) are provided for each, including a statement why management believes the presentation of the non-GAAP financial measure provides useful information to investors regarding your financial condition and results of operations.

#### Reconciliation of Certain Non-GAAP Information, page A-8

8. We note that on pages A-8 and A-12, you disclose adjusted income from operations by segment, which is reconciled to the reported income from operations segment measure, by presenting a column titled "Items Affecting Comparability." However, we also note that although you detail the amounts included in Items Affecting Comparability earlier in the press release on a consolidated basis, you have not provided detail of these adjustments for each segment. For segments that have a material amount of items affecting comparability, please revise future filings to include detail of the nature and amount of these adjustments.

### Reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA and Management Leverage Ratio, page A-13

9. Please note that EBITDA, by definition, should only reflect adjustments for interest, taxes,

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depreciation and amortization. Either remove the Other (income) expense from your calculation of EBITDA or revise to include the adjustment in your Adjusted EBITDA calculation instead. Refer to Question 103.01 of the SEC's Compliance and Disclosure Interpretations on Non-GAAP Financial Measure for further guidance.

In closing, we remind you that the company and its management are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of their disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or absence of action by the staff.

Please contact Heather Clark at 202-551-3624 or Claire Erlanger at 202-551-3301 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Division of Corporation Finance Office of Manufacturing