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Subject: RE: 11/4 Management Committee Meeting Follow-Ups

Lori, Lorraine and Team,

Thanks for the follow up from our meeting last week. I also wanted to thank the entire team from both Kraft and Starbucks for a great meeting and more importantly for all of your efforts to get our packaged coffee business back on a positive growth track. It is great to see that your efforts and focus on the business are having a positive effect on our base business, and for the first time in two years we have seen share growth for the month of October. It goes without saying that we still have a great deal of work to do and that we must stay focused on the task at hand given the competition. Thanks and I look forward to seeing the positive trends continue throughout 2010!

All the best,

John