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Nestlé Waters Considering Centre County Sites for New \$50 Million Bottling Facility

Proposed facility could bring 50 new manufacturing jobs to Centre County

STATE COLLEGE, PA, January 3, 2018 – Working together with the Chamber of Business & Industry of Centre County (CBICC)/Centre County Industrial Development Corporation (CCIDC), Nestlé Waters has identified Centre County as a potential location for its third Pennsylvania bottling facility. The Centre County region is currently a leading candidate for a proposed \$50 million bottling facility that would create an estimated 50 good-paying manufacturing jobs.

Nestlé Waters' search for a new factory location is driven by growing consumer demand for bottled water, which in 2017 surpassed soda as the most popular beverage in the United States. As part of the company's regional spring water model, the proposed factory would bottle Deer Park® 100% Natural Spring Water for distribution to customers throughout the Mid-Atlantic.

"A Nestlé Waters bottling facility would inject tens of millions of dollars into our local economy, provide a substantial tax benefit, and bring family-wage manufacturing jobs back to our communities," said Vern Squier, President and CEO of CBICC. "The opportunity to bring a global leader in the food and beverage industry into Centre County is a win-win-win for our workforce, our tax-base, and for economic development. We are pleased that our local efforts are helping to advance this project, and we are excited about the prospects of having Nestlé Waters North America as a corporate citizen of Centre County."

In an effort to narrow the search for a factory location, CBICC leadership and Nestlé Waters representatives are in the process of meeting with municipal officials to gauge interest and feasibility. As part of this process, a representative from Nestlé Waters attended the Spring Township Supervisors meeting on January 2.

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“In order to build in a new bottling facility, we need to work closely with the community,” said Eric Andreus, Nestlé Waters’ Natural Resource Manager in the Mid-Atlantic. “We want to know that we are choosing the right location to operate – environmentally, socially, and economically.”

Scientific due diligence and community input are key to this determination. In addition to gathering feedback from local officials and residents, Nestlé Waters will conduct a thorough scientific review and due diligence process to ensure that any spring source associated with this project can sustainably support company operations over the long term, without having any adverse impact on residents’ access to water.

In early 2018, CBICC and Nestlé Waters will hold an informational open house on the possibility of building a bottled water plant in the county. Residents will have an opportunity to ask questions about the company; the potential project; and possible job opportunities.

Nestlé Waters has been operating in Pennsylvania for more than 20 years. The company has made capital investments of more than \$350 million in its Breinigsville campus, which features the first food manufacturing facility in Pennsylvania to receive the U.S. Green Building Council’s Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold Certification. Today, more than 600 Pennsylvanians work in family-wage manufacturing jobs at Nestlé Waters’ two Lehigh Valley bottling facilities.

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About Nestlé Waters North America

Nestlé Waters North America provides people with an unrivaled portfolio of bottled waters for healthy hydration. Brands such as Deer Park® Brand 100% Natural Spring Water, Nestlé® Pure Life®, Perrier® and San Pellegrino® have driven Nestlé Waters North America to be the third largest non-alcoholic beverage company by volume in the U.S. Nestlé Waters North America also owns and operates ReadyRefreshSM by Nestlé®, the largest home and office water delivery service by volume in the U.S. Based in Stamford, Connecticut with some 8,500 associates, Nestlé Waters is committed to reducing its environmental footprint across its operations. As a natural resource company, Nestlé Waters sustainably manages our 47 spring sources and maintains nearly 14,000 acres of natural watershed area. The company is also committed to creating shared value and being a good neighbor in the 140 communities where it operates in the U.S.

About Chamber of Business & Industry of Centre County

The Chamber of Business & Industry of Centre County is a membership organization comprising business of all sizes and from a variety of industry sectors, as well as nonprofit agencies and academic institutions. The CBICC is the champion of economic development and business growth in Centre County, and with close to 1,000 members, the largest organization representing businesses throughout central Pennsylvania. The Centre County Industrial Development Corporation (CCIDC) is the CBICC’s legal entity for economic development.

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