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Nestlé Waters opens new factory in Nigeria

Abaji, Nigeria – 14 April 2016 Today, Marco Settembri, Executive Vice President Nestlé S.A. and Head of Nestlé Waters, officially opened a new state-of-the-art manufacturing facility at Abaji in Nigeria, alongside Dharnesh Gordhon, Managing Director of Nestlé Nigeria plc, and Professor Yemi Osinbajo, Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

The 5.6 billion naira (approximately CHF 25 million) Abaji factory complex will create 111 new jobs and produce Nestlé *Pure Life*, the world's largest bottled water brand. It will be Nestlé Waters' second and most modern water processing facility in Central and West Africa, complementing the existing Agbara factory in the Ogun State. Its 14.6-hectare site in the Abuja Federal Capital Territory will support future demand and growth in the northern and western regions of Nigeria. It will also host a Technical Training Centre to develop young engineers' skills.

Marco Settembri emphasized the contribution of Nestlé Waters to healthy hydration: "We are committed to helping people lead healthier lives as water is surely the best way to fulfil daily hydration needs. Our goal is to provide families in Nigeria and all around the world with an affordable and convenient daily healthy hydration solution."

Dharnesh Gordhon underlined Nestlé's firm commitment to the development of Nigeria: "Our company has been present in Nigeria for 55 years. We are committed to continue to bring significant value to society through local sourcing, the creation of jobs and by offering high-quality, nutritious foods and beverages to the Nigerian population."

Nestlé is committed to working with the local communities where it operates to create opportunities for them and help improve their livelihoods. Nestlé Waters engages in various water stewardship programs to ensure the sustainability of the shared water aquifers and raise awareness on water access and conservation. It supports international non-governmental organization, Project WET (Water Education for Teachers), to help teachers raise awareness about water conservation and proper hydration among schoolchildren. In Nigeria, 6,000 schoolchildren in 115 schools in the Lagos and Osun states followed the program in 2016. This will be expanded to 25 schools, 100 teachers and 2,500 pupils in Abaji this year.

About Nestlé Waters

Founded in 1992, Nestlé Waters is the water division of the Nestlé Group. It's the world leading bottled water company, with consolidated sales of CHF 7, 6 billion in 2015, representing around 8% of total Nestlé Group sales. Nestlé Waters employs more than 30 000 people in 35 countries. It benefits from 96 bottling factories and manages a 52 brand portfolio. Nestlé Pure Life is number one bottled water brand, sold in more than 40 countries. Nestlé Waters is a key contributor to Nestlé's leadership in Nutrition, Health and Wellness. The company plays an important role in Nestlé's overall group performances and reputation by providing a convenient healthy and affordable hydration product.

About Nestlé Nigeria

Nestlé Nigeria Plc began simple trading operations in Nigeria in 1961 and has today grown into a leading food manufacturing and marketing company. Nestlé Nigeria is the biggest food company in West Africa. In 2015, the company achieved a turnover of 151 billion Naira. Nestlé Nigeria employs around 2,400 people and counts 7 production facilities. Nestlé Nigeria manufactures and markets a range of high quality brands including: Maggi, Nutrend, Golden Morn, Milo, KitKat, Nescafé and Nido.

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