



The Healthy Hydration Company™

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**Official Opening of new state-of-the-art Nestlé Waters factory in Buxton
Sustainable Design achieves 'Excellent' BREEAM Certification**

Nestlé S.A. CEO, Paul Bulcke and Nestlé Waters CEO, John J Harris with Environment Minister Lord de Mauley will officially open the new £35 million state-of-the-art factory at Waterswallows in Buxton today.

The new factory, one of Europe's most innovative and efficient bottling facilities combines for the first time the bottling facility with warehouse capability. The new production lines have enabled Nestlé Waters to significantly reduce its total energy output, as well as reduce the packaging used in its bottles of Buxton Natural Mineral Water and Nestlé Pure Life Spring Water by an average of 25% across the range, making them one of the lightest bottles in the UK.

As part of the official opening it was announced that the factory has achieved an 'excellent' grading in its BREEAM Certification. This certification takes into consideration the site's energy and water use as well as its transport infrastructure and its ecology.

Today's announcement marks another milestone in the multi-million pound investment journey Nestlé has undertaken in the UK to establish its next generation of world class manufacturing facilities. Last year Nestlé committed to invest a further £500m over the next three years.

Paul Bulcke underlined the importance of innovation and the role of the bottled water business for the Nestlé group: "The Buxton factory is an excellent example of how we continue to invest in Europe despite tough economic conditions. This factory will contribute to accelerate the development of our bottled water activities and illustrates our capacity for innovation in production facilities via an approach which combines strong and sustainable production efficiency with outstanding environmental performances."

John J. Harris addressed the challenges facing the industry and recognised the essential role of bottled water in healthy hydration. He highlighted the opportunity of opening a new plant in the U.K.: "We are committed to ensuring our social responsibility throughout the value chain for each product we deliver to our consumers, starting with protecting the environment. The long history that links Nestlé Waters to Buxton, commits us to being a responsible company in this community, as in our factories all around the world. Thanks to Nestlé Waters teams and thanks to an active partnership with local communities, I am also proud to announce today that the factory has not only achieved an 'excellent' rating within the BREEAM (*) environmental certification scheme but is now certified "zero waste to landfill."

Lord de Mauley said: "I'm delighted to be opening Nestlé's new £35m bottling and warehouse factory today. It's a world class example of innovation and efficiency. Investments like this in our food and drink industry help generate economic growth and create more jobs. This investment will ensure Buxton remains the home of Nestlé Waters' bottling facilities long into the future, which is good news for the local community, the economy and the environment."

Bottled water: a key contributor to Nestlé's leadership in nutrition, health and wellness

Bottled water plays an important role in Nestlé's overall group performances and reputation by helping to illustrate its leadership in nutrition, health and wellness. By providing a convenient healthy and affordable hydration product in a society moving more towards on-the-go consumption, bottled water is ideally positioned to answer consumers needs and desires for options, particularly in the face of overweight and obesity. 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, 2 billion in 2012 (around £ 5,07 Billion), representing around 8% of total Nestlé Group sales. Nestlé Waters employs more than 30 000 people in **36** countries. It benefits from 104 bottling factories and manages a 64 brand portfolio. www.nestle-waters.com

Nestlé Waters in the UK: the top bottled water performer in a top performing sector

In the UK the bottled waters market continues to grow year on year as consumers see the benefit of convenient healthy hydration. This trend should continue and reinforce in the coming future as bottled water consumption is still relatively low in the UK compared to other countries in Europe (41 litres per capita per year vs. 180 litres in Italy or 125 litres in France). Nestlé Waters in the UK is outperforming the market and is anticipated to continue this growth every year in volume and value taking advantage of a portfolio of clear brand positioning, at local level with Buxton and Nestlé Pure Life and strong imported brands: Perrier and S.Pellegrino.

BREEAM certification:

The BREEAM (Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method) accreditation is the UK's foremost environmental assessment method and rating system for buildings, which takes into consideration the site's energy and water use, its transport infrastructure and its ecology
BREEAM highlights at the factory include:

- A sustainable drainage system (SUDS) designed to mimic as closely as possible the natural drainage of the site, which minimizes the impact of urban development flooding and pollution of waterways
- Energy efficient lighting and recycled heat systems
- The factory has been independently audited and certified as achieving 'Zero waste to landfill'
- Local biodiversity is nurtured by working with the Wildlife Trust and local community on the site to create dynamic and sensitive butterfly planting schemes

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