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### **Nestle Waters North America Reviewing Legal Options on Michigan Case**

Stanwood, Mich. — Nestle Waters North America today said it is reviewing potential legal options the company may pursue in a Michigan case that plaintiffs have asked for permission to appeal to the State Supreme Court. Nestle Waters recently received a favorable ruling from the Michigan Court of Appeals, which said the company's Michigan water bottling operation was within rights to use water, similar to all other water users across the state.

Plaintiffs in the case, which began in 2001, recently filed an application with the Supreme Court asking the Court to review rulings made by the Michigan Court of Appeals that upheld key aspects of Michigan's historic water use law. Michigan's law, like that of many U.S. states, balances the equal rights of all water users — including agriculture, manufacturing, domestic, recreation and food and beverage production, among others — to make fair and reasonable use of water resources.

“The Michigan Court of Appeals made the correct decision when it overturned the lower court's ruling and preserved water use law that ensures ample water supply is accessible to all water users, consistent with ecological protection,” said Michael Haines, an attorney for Nestle Waters with the Grand Rapids law firm of Mika Meyers Beckett and Jones. “Michigan's economy and all of the industries that comprise it, our communities and environment are the beneficiaries of this decision, in which resource conservation is a wise underpinning.”

“While we believe the appropriate determinations have been made on most of the key legal issues of this case, Nestle Waters is assessing the legal options available,” said Haines.

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