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Nestlé Waters North America reaches agreement ending Michigan legal case

Agreement supports jobs and the local economy, brings resolution.

(STANWOOD, MICH., July 7, 2009) — Nestlé Waters North America Inc. is pleased to announce that an agreement has been reached with Michigan Citizens for Water Conservation that brings resolution to a lengthy Michigan legal case. The agreement preserves the Company’s use of a spring water source that supports its Stanwood-based Ice Mountain® brand natural spring water bottling plant employing some 250 local people.

“Reaching this agreement is very important for Nestlé Waters’ employees and their families, the west Michigan community, and our company, in that it brings certainty for our operations, supports local jobs, and puts an issue behind us,” said Nestlé Waters North America Vice President Heidi Paul. “We are pleased that our west Michigan operations are thriving, providing valuable, good paying jobs for many local people, and contributing to area charitable causes. We look forward to continuing our investment in the area.”

Under provisions of the agreement Nestlé Waters will continue its sustainable use of natural spring water from four company-owned wells located in Mecosta County, Michigan. The Company will continue to withdraw an average of 218 gallons per minute of spring water (313,000 gallons per day), with rates varying depending on the time of the year and seasonal conditions at the site. The agreement makes the water withdrawal rates permanent.

Mecosta Circuit Court Judge Susan Grant approved the agreement on Monday (July 6), and entered a final order closing the case.

In developing the Sanctuary spring water source beginning in 2000, Nestlé Waters conducted extensive hydrologic and ecologic assessments to assure the long-term sustainability of the source and surrounding environment. Moreover, Nestlé Waters utilizes a network of environmental monitoring instruments at the site to ensure the area’s abundant and renewable groundwater resources are carefully monitored for long-term sustainability.

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About Ice Mountain

Ice Mountain Spring Water Company, located in Stanwood, Michigan, employs approximately 250 area people, providing them with good-paying jobs and quality benefits, including healthcare insurance coverage and retirement savings. The company produces a variety of bottled water products under the Ice Mountain® and Nestle Pure Life® brands. Ice Mountain is a leading area taxpayer, generating approximately \$2 million annually

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for local governments and schools, and supports local charitable and community causes focused on health and fitness, education, and water resource stewardship. With operations that began in May 2002, the Ice Mountain bottling facility is LEED™ certified by the U.S. Green Building Council, as well as ISO (International Standards Organization) certified for environmental, quality, and safety management systems.

About Nestlé Waters North America Inc.

The company's rank as the number one bottled water company in the U.S. was earned through its 33-year experience with bottled water and focus on product quality, manufacturing expertise, employee development and environmental stewardship, especially in the areas of water use, energy and packaging. Nestle Waters North America Inc. is based in Greenwich, Connecticut and is a corporate affiliate of Nestlé S.A., of Switzerland.

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