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**Nestlé Waters North America Facility Earns
U.S. Green Building Council's Gold Standard for Sustainability**

Pennsylvania Facility Receives Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Gold Certification; Becomes Company's Sixth LEED-Certified Facility

Breinigsville, Penn. (June 5, 2009) – [Nestlé Waters North America](#)'s [Nestlé® Pure Life®](#) water bottling facility in Breinigsville, Penn., today officially received the [U.S. Green Building Council](#)'s Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design® (LEED) Gold certification. This is the first food manufacturing facility in Pennsylvania to receive LEED Gold status.

[LEED](#) is an internationally recognized certification system that measures how well a building performs across various sustainability metrics, including energy savings, water efficiency, CO₂ emissions reduction, and stewardship of resources.

Nestlé Waters North America is the leading U.S. food and beverage manufacturer in LEED plants. In 2003, the company received the first LEED certification in the U.S. for a food and beverage factory for its plant in Stanwood, Michigan. To date, Nestlé Waters has the most LEED-certified facilities of any U.S. food and beverage manufacturer, with more than 2.5 million square feet designed and built to meet LEED certification.

“Sustainability is a world-wide issue, one that we must face as global partners. At the U.S. Green Building Council, we're seeing a growing demand and commitment to sustainability, and it's wonderful to see the LEED rating system embraced beyond the United States,” said Tim Cole, chair-elect of the U.S. Green Building Council's Board of Directors. “As a company with global ties, Nestlé Waters North America's proven commitment to LEED certification shows its leadership in environmentally-responsible operations.”

“We are honored to achieve the LEED Gold standard – our first and hopefully not our last,” said Kim Jeffery, president and CEO of Nestlé Waters North America, which has committed to building all new plants to LEED certification standards. “We are committed to being thoughtful and responsible in every aspect of our business, from source to bottle. We have more to do, and we are excited to continue our journey toward more sustainable operations.”

Thanks to its environmentally-conscious design, the Nestlé Pure Life facility in Breinigsville:

- Saves 9.9 billion BTU's of energy each year, which is enough energy to heat 125 homes for a season

- Conserves approximately 220,000 gallons of water a year, which is 55% better than the Environmental Protection Agency requirement
- Reduced construction waste by approximately 75%, or the equivalent weight of 2,300 cars

In addition, the Nestlé Pure Life facility will offset its energy usage for two years through its Renewable Energy Certificate purchase from [Good Energy, LLC](#) which will allow the facility to displace its non-renewable sources of energy from the electric grid and instead fund wind power operations.

In addition to the Breinigsville location, the company currently operates five LEED-certified facilities across the country:

- Madison County, Florida (Silver rating, 2006)
- Red Boiling Springs, Tennessee (Silver rating, 2005)
- Cabazon, California (Silver rating, 2004) – **first** food manufacturing facility to earn a silver rating
- Hawkins, Texas (Silver rating, 2004)
- Stanwood, Michigan (full LEED Certification, 2003) – **first** food and beverage manufacturing facility to earn LEED certification

Three additional Nestlé Waters North America plants are currently under review for LEED status.

Since 2002, Nestlé Waters’ LEED-certified plants have produced significant environmental benefits:

- 9 million gallons of water conserved
- 1.5 million kWh of energy conserved
- 2.1 million pounds of carbon emissions reduced
- 216 million pounds of waste reduced
- 108,000 tons of solid waste diverted from landfills

***** Note to Editors *****

An on-demand, instructional Webcast lead by Nestle Waters North America and local U.S. Green Building Council representatives will be available on www.nestlewatersnorthamerica.com in two weeks

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About Nestlé Waters North America

Central to the leadership of Nestlé Waters North America Inc. is its 33-year history and single-focus on producing bottled water products. The company’s dedication to product quality, manufacturing expertise, employee development and environmental stewardship, especially in the areas of water use, energy and packaging, has helped Nestlé Waters become the number one bottled water company in the U.S. To reach success, the company follows its credo: Respect for each other, respect for the environment, and respect for the community. To learn more, visit <http://www.nestlewatersnorthamerica.com>.

About the U.S. Green Building Council

The Washington, D.C.-based U.S. Green Building Council is committed to a prosperous and sustainable future for our nation through cost-efficient and energy-saving green buildings. With a community comprising 78 local affiliates, more than 20,000 member companies and organizations, and more than 100,000 LEED Accredited Professionals, USGBC is the driving force of an industry that is projected to soar to \$60 billion by 2010. The USGBC leads an unlikely diverse constituency of builders and environmentalists, corporations and nonprofit organizations, elected officials and concerned citizens, and teachers and students. For more information, please visit www.usgbc.org.