

## Nestlé opens a new child nutrition factory in Jalisco, Mexico

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- *This is Nestlé's largest investment in the child nutrition category worldwide in the last 10 years*
- *With a footprint of 600,000 square meters, the Nestle factory will triple its current capacity for manufacturing child nutrition products*
- *Nantli is Nestlé's 17th factory in Mexico, raising the number of jobs created in the country altogether to 15,000 since the company started local operations in 1930*

**Ocotlan, Jalisco, October 6, 2016.** Nestlé opened today a new factory manufacturing child nutrition products in Ocotlan, Jalisco, Mexico, with an investment of US\$245 million. The 600,000 square meters state-of-the-art facility is expected to create an annual economic income of \$1,600 million pesos and will create 250 new direct jobs and 1,250 indirect jobs. Additional 8,000 temporary jobs have been created during its construction. The factory bears the name 'Nantli' which means mother in Nahuatl.

The official inauguration was attended by the Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto as guest of honor, together with the Secretary of Economy, Ildefonso Guajardo; the Governor of Jalisco, Aristoteles Sandoval, and the Municipal President of Ocotlan, Paulo Hernandez. Top executives of Nestlé also attended the event, including Laurent Freixe, Nestlé Head of Zone Americas; Heiko Schipper, Global CEO of Nestlé Nutrition, as well as Marcelo Melchior, CEO of Nestlé Mexico.

"The opening of Nestlé Nantli is a major global milestone for our company. It uses the most advanced technology for manufacturing the highest quality child nutrition products, such as NAN, Good Care, Good Start, Nidal and Nestogeno. The factory also gives a boost to local economy by purchasing 560 million liters of fresh milk and 365 million liters of whey per year from 400 milk manufacturers from the region", said Heiko Schipper.

Further to supplying Mexico, around 40% of production will be exported to Latin America, the Caribbean and other regions around the world. The new plant will triple the current production capacity in Mexico, supported by processes and patents owned by Nestlé, which guarantee the highest standards of quality and safety for each product.

*"Celebrating 150 years of the Company around the world, and our 86 years in Mexico, we are very pleased to open Nestlé Nantli, specialized in child nutrition" said **Laurent Freixe**. "US\$245 million is the biggest investment made by Nestlé in Mexico in a single infrastructure project, which represents our commitment to the country, its people and to our consumers," he emphasized.*

The factory is also built using environment-friendly technologies. 85% of the electricity will be wind powered and solar energy, as well as energy recovery technologies to take the most advantage of heat and water used in the factory. Also, 100% of residual water will be treated.

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*We believe breast-milk is the best food for infants. When mothers and families, together with healthcare providers, decide that optimal breastfeeding is not possible, infant formula – the only breast-milk substitute (BMS) recognised by the WHO – plays a vital role in providing essential nutrients to infants. We remain committed to the highest standards of responsible marketing of BMS.*

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