



Official inauguration of Nestlé Business Service Centre Europe in Lviv

Lviv, July 4, 2011. Today, Nestlé S.A. (Switzerland) - the world's leading nutrition, health and wellness company - officially inaugurated the Nestlé Shared Business Services Centre Europe (NBS EUR) in Lviv. The event was attended by representatives of the Lviv administration including Governor Mykhailo Tsymbalyuk and Mayor Andriy Sadovyi, as well as Laurent Freixe, Executive Vice President of Nestlé and Head of Zone Europe, Jean-Marc Duvoisin, Deputy Executive Vice President of Nestlé and Head of Human Resources and Centre Administration and Maurizio Patarnello, Market Head of Nestlé in Ukraine and Moldova.

The centre is Nestlé's fifth centre under the Global Nestlé Business Services (NBS) structure and supports Nestlé's operating companies in Central and Eastern Europe. The NBS centres have been created worldwide to bring together all human resource and financial activities, such as processing of payroll of Nestlé employees, maintaining employee data and processing customer payments.

The centre already fully services Nestlé companies in Ukraine and Russia and will soon support Poland, the Czech Republic and Slovakia. By 2012 the centre will serve Hungary, Bulgaria, Romania, Greece and the Adriatic markets and will ultimately support more than 20 countries in the region. Currently the centre employs 180 people and will create more than 50 additional jobs in the coming months.

Nestlé has been operating in the Ukraine for 17 years and has invested CHF 250 million into the country's economy. Speaking about the importance of this centre, Laurent Freixe, Executive Vice President of Nestlé and Head of Zone Europe said: "We are proud to officially inaugurate this centre today. We chose to invest in the Ukraine for its quality infrastructure as well as positive investment climate and we would like to thank the government for its continued support. This new NBS centre will further strengthen the role of the Ukraine in Central and Eastern Europe and it will also contribute to improving our efficiencies in the markets."

Nestlé also announced that it is working in partnership with universities in Lviv to develop training programmes for foreign languages and international finance. Maurizio Patarnello, Market Head of Nestlé in Ukraine and Moldova said: "We are committed to creating shared value in Ukraine both for shareholders and the local communities. Through this NBS centre, we will create value for the society and particularly for young and talented people by forging partnerships with local universities and developing training programmes for graduates. We recently signed a contract with the Ivan Franko Lviv National University to employ graduates and give them international exposure in the fields of HR and Finance."

Mykhailo Tsymbalyuk, Head of Lviv Regional State Administration: "Today we once again saw that Nestlé continues to give first priority to quality issues - both in terms of production at its Svitoch factory, as well as the introduction of modern business organization technologies." Mykhailo Tsymbalyuk noted that the regional administration will make efforts to develop a favorable business climate in the region.

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About Nestlé:

For more than 140 years, Nestlé has been applying its nutrition expertise in the development of products that contribute to the health and wellness of consumers, evolving into the world's Nutrition, Health and Wellness company. Headquartered in Vevey, Switzerland, Nestlé currently employs over 286,000 people in 456 factories and operations in almost every country around the globe.

"Good Food, Good Life" is the foundational philosophy upon which Nestlé continues to build an ever-increasing portfolio of quality brands that not only deliver on great taste, but on nutritional value as well. To that end, the company invests around USD 1.5 billion in research and development alone, every year. Nestlé's portfolio of products includes Infant Nutrition, Milks, Soups, Bottled Water, Confectionery, Coffee, Beverage Creamers, Culinary and Breakfast Cereals.

About Nestlé in the Ukraine:

Nestlé started its operations in the Ukraine in December 1994 with an office in Kyiv. Today, the company employs approximately 4,500 people and operates four factories, nine sales offices, two distribution centres and the Nestlé Business Service Centre. The company manufactures a wide range of products which include: culinary (through the locally acquired brands *Torchyn* and *Mivina*), Beverages (*Nescafé* and *Nesquik* brands) and confectionery (*Svitoch* and international countline brands - *Kit Kat*, *Nuts*, *Nesquik* and *Lion*).