

Statement from Nestlé Waters North America

Nestlé Waters North America (Nestlé) has been in discussions with the City of Black Diamond for a number of months, exploring the possibility of establishing a spring water bottling plant and becoming a commercial customer of Black Diamond's spring water.

This has been part of the company's strategy to develop a new facility in the Pacific Northwest to meet regional market needs. As we have looked at logistics and optimizing our production network, we've decided for business reasons not to continue to pursue developing a spring water bottling facility in Black Diamond at this time. It is possible that sometime in the future we could revisit that decision.

Speaking on behalf of our team, we appreciate the opportunity to have worked with the staff, officials and community over the past several months, and wish you the best of luck in the future with your economic development efforts.

Signed,

Chris Kemp

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