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Nestlé opens Potchefstroom coffee creamer factory

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A ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday morning proclaimed the opening of food manufacturer Nestlé South Africa's new coffee creamer factory in Potchefstroom, in the North West province.

The launch follows Nestlé's recent R106-million acquisition of Potchefstroom-based Specialised Protein Products. A further R150-million will be invested in the next 18 months for general upgrading of the facility. The acquisition also included absorbing 142 employees.

The acquisition of the new property was expected to increase the production capacity of Nestlé's coffee creamer. The new facility will manufacture the well-known Cremora brand of coffee creamer, adding capacity to the existing creamer manufacturing facility in Babelegi, in Gauteng.

"The investment is aligned to Nestlé's ambition to stimulate job creation and add value to the communities where we do business," spokesperson **Ravi Pillay** said in a statement.

Nestlé South Africa MD and chairperson **Sullivan O'Carroll** said the Potchefstroom launch demonstrated the company's ongoing commitment to foreign direct investment.

"This launch speaks to the company's need for increased local manufacturing in order to respond to increased demand of Nestlé coffee creamer. It is also in line with our long-term commitment to business sustainability and economic development in South Africa and the rest of the African continent."

In three years, Nestlé will celebrate its centenary of being established in South Africa. The company employs about 4 000 employees and it had attained Level 4 black economic-empowerment contributor status. The Potchefstroom factory is the company's tenth manufacturing facility in South Africa.

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