# Owens-Illinois Announces Common Stock Offering

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TOLEDO, Ohio, May 13 /PRNewswire/ -- Owens-Illinois, Inc., (NYSE: OI) today announced the public offering of 14,750,000 shares of common stock at a price of $28.50 per share pursuant to a prospectus supplement under the company's $2.5 billion shelf registration of April 18, 1997. Managing underwriters for the common stock offering are Salomon Brothers Inc; Goldman, Sachs & Co.; Lehman Brothers; Merrill Lynch & Co.; Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated; and PaineWebber Incorporated.

Proceeds from the common stock offering, combined with proceeds from proposed senior note offerings and additional borrowings under the company's amended bank credit facility, will be used to refinance outstanding public indebtedness. The refinancing plan is designed to reduce interest expense and long term debt, extend long term debt maturities, reduce the company's debt-to-equity ratio, and improve its financial flexibility.

Final prospectuses relating to the common stock offering may be obtained by contacting:

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