Owens-Brockway Named NACD 2001 Manufacturer of the Year

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TOLEDO, Ohio, Sept. 5 /PRNewswire/ -- The National Association of Container Distributors (NACD) recently named Owens-Brockway Closure and Specialty Products as the 2001 Manufacturer of the year at their annual convention in Anchorage, Alaska.

All 36 NACD member companies voted to honor Owens-Brockway with the award, which is based on: leadership, communication, product and support, marketing, training, technology, shipping, policies, and legislative involvement.

"This prestigious award is the association's way of recognizing a specific vendor who has continually displayed support of the distribution channel," said Dennis Sipe, NACD supplier awards chairman and CEO of All-Pak, Inc. "This award is honored and respected throughout the industry."

Roger Seid, NACD president and CEO of Kaufman Container; and Marc Gaelen, NACD first vice president and CEO of O. Berk Company; presented the award to Dave Waldock, Owens-Brockway manager of general line distributors.

"Owens-Brockway Closure & Specialty is honored to be the recipient of the award and is most appreciative of the support from the NACD member companies," said Waldock.

The Owens-Brockway closure division won the NACD Manufacturer of the Year award in 1989, but this is the first award for the Closure & Specialty Products division as a whole.

Owens-Brockway Closure and Specialty Products manufactures closures, trigger sprayers, finger sprayers, and pumps for the health care, personal care, household, chemical, food, juice, auto, and beverage markets. These products are available through our authorized NACD member companies.

Owens-Brockway is a unit of Owens-Illinois, Inc. Owens-Illinois is the largest manufacturer of glass containers in North America, South America, Australia, New Zealand, and China, and one of the largest in Europe. O-I also is a worldwide manufacturer of plastics packaging, with operations in North America, South America, Australia, Europe, and Asia. Plastics packaging products manufactured by O-I include containers, closures, and prescription products.

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