



Owens-Illinois Convenes Community Pharmacist Advisory Board

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TOLEDO, Ohio, Nov. 20 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- In its continuing effort to manage the industry's changing needs and actively support community pharmacists, the Prescription Products division of Owens-Illinois, Inc., (NYSE: OI) recently convened its first Community Pharmacist Advisory Board.

Representing a unique cross section of U.S. independents in terms of geography, practice setting, demographics, and specific market niches, eight community pharmacy owners joined O-I management and staff members on September 18. During the two-day series of presentations and roundtable discussions held at O-I's world headquarters, participants explored:

- * vital issues facing the business and profession of pharmacy
- * current industry trends and the potential impact of changes and improvements in prescription packaging
- * specific challenges that independents face in today's competitive healthcare marketplace
- * concerns that providers, patients and payers all have regarding rising healthcare costs
- * new product development

Outstanding speakers, presenters, and facilitators included: Joseph Conda, Owens-Illinois vice president and general manager of Prescription Products; Tony DeNicola, president of A & D Associates of New York; Paul Paoello, O-I's industry manager for retail pharmacy; Terry Pflager, managing consultant from Watson Wyatt; Noel Vander, O-I's Prescription Products technical director for new product development; and Terry Wilkison, O-I executive vice president and Plastics Group general manager.

Recommended by National Community Pharmacist (NCPA) Vice President & Professional Practice Affairs Doug Hoey for their active involvement in industry, association affairs, and knowledge of current industry, Advisory Board appointees are: Robert Blake, Blake Pharmacy (West Union, OH); Linda Garrelts MacLean, Jones Low Priced Pharmacy (Spokane, WA); Joseph Lech, Lech's Pharmacy (Tunnkannock, PA); Jonathan Marquess, Woodstock Pharmacy (Woodstock, GA); Reynaldo Moreno, the Medicine Shoppe (Saginaw, TX); Lisa Ploehn, Main at Locust Pharmacy (Bettendorf, IA); John Sherrer, Kenmar Pharmacy (Marietta, GA); and John Westerman Jr., Ace Drug Co. (Newburgh, NY) basis.

To further assist Owens-Illinois in its efforts to manage the industry's changing needs, all meeting participants have agreed to meet on a semi-annual basis.

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Owens-Illinois is the largest manufacturer of glass containers in North America, South America, Australia and New Zealand, and one of the largest in Europe. O-I also is a worldwide manufacturer of plastics packaging with operations in North America, South America, Europe, Australia and New Zealand. Plastics packaging products manufactured by O-I include consumer products (blow molded containers, injection molded closures and dispensing systems) and prescription products.

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