Owens-Illinois Plastic Containers Announces Next Generation SurShotSM Multi-Layer Injection Technology

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New capabilities take technology to higher level

TOLEDO, Ohio – June 20, 2003 – Owens-Illinois Plastics Group, Plastic Containers (O-I) announces the launch of a joint project with Husky Injection Molding Systems Ltd. in Bolton, Ontario.

Husky has always been O-I's key supplier in the development and production of SurShot ^{SM} multi-layer injection technology. An agreement has been reached to begin development of higher cavitation multi-layer PET injection systems, which could be up to 144 cavities. Both companies anticipate a higher cavitation system will be installed in 2004.

This new system will incorporate new technology that should substantially simplify the present equipment and provide a much higher per capita output. Various cavitation options will be made available on the new PET injection molding platforms from Husky.

O-I's SurShot ^{SM} multi-layer injection technology has consistently proven to be the best multi-layer PET technology worldwide, with billions of containers produced and sold throughout the world. This new generation of equipment will maintain this leadership position for years to come.

"We are tremendously excited about this new technology," said Bruce Larsen, O-I Plastic Containers general manager. "There is no better technology development supplier than Husky and we expect these new systems to provide significant value to O-I as well as our affiliates and licensees."

Technical inquiries should be directed to John Johnson, O-I Plastic Containers vice president, director of strategic business development, (419) 247-7610.

Celebrating its 100th anniversary, Owens-Illinois is one of the world's leading manufacturers of plastic containers, glass containers and closure systems. O-I's Plastic Group, Plastic Containers offers an unparalleled selection of materials, processes and innovations to address a wide variety of packaging demands and is the leading packaging supplier in North America in each of the markets it serves. O-I's patented processes, including SurShot^{SM} multi-layer injection technology and SurShield™ and SurBond™ barrier materials, allow for precise delivery of barrier material based on customer needs. An industry leader in using post-consumer recycled content, O-I is the only producer able to incorporate up to 35 percent recycled content in its packaging.

More information about Owens-Illinois Plastic Containers is available by calling (800) 537-0178 or by visiting www.o-i.com. Media inquiries please call (419) 241-2221.