Owens-Illinois Declares Dividend on $2.375 Convertible Preferred Stock

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TOLEDO, Ohio, Oct. 17 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Owens-Illinois, Inc., (NYSE: OI) today announced that its board of directors has declared the quarterly dividend of $0.59375 on each share of the company's $2.375 Convertible Preferred Stock, payable on November 17 to holders of record as of November 1.

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 containers.

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