Owens-Illinois Windsor, Colo., Plant Update

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TOLEDO, Ohio, Nov. 17 /PRNewswire/ -- Preliminary site preparation is scheduled to begin this week at the Owens-Illinois, Inc., (NYSE: OI) greenfield site near Windsor, Colo., where the Company's new glass container manufacturing plant will be built.

Local contractors will be on site to install an in-ground clay slurry wall that is necessary preliminary work for construction to begin early next year when all applicable permits are obtained. The Company plans to hold a public groundbreaking at that time.

The approximately 500,000-square-foot facility is scheduled to start production in early 2005.

The Windsor site selection was announced in September after evaluating several locations in Northeast Colorado and Southeast Wyoming. The new high- productivity plant will produce 12-ounce beer bottles.

About O-I

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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