Owens-Illinois to Close Milton, Ontario, Glass Container Plant

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TOLEDO, Ohio, Nov. 3 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Owens-Illinois, Inc., (NYSE: OI) today announced that the company intends to close its glass container manufacturing facility in Milton, Ontario, on November 12. Approximately 150 employees will be affected.

The approximately 300,000 square foot glass container facility located at 100 Chisholm Drive contains three machines and one furnace that manufactures beer bottles.

The decision to close the Milton facility is part of a capacity utilization review recently announced by the Company. The review includes efforts to bring capacity and inventory levels in line with anticipated demand.

Robert Smith, vice president and general manager of the company's glass container operations, said, "We sincerely regret having to make this decision. However, due to the expectations of glass container demand in 2004 we have concluded that we can continue to provide good service to our customers by consolidating operations and transferring capacity to our other North American facilities."

The company will work with the United Steelworkers of America union and with government agencies to help employees search for new jobs and in dealing with other employment related issues.

After the closing of this facility, Owens-Illinois will have 23 glass container manufacturing plants in North America, 18 of which are in the U.S.

The Milton plant opened in 1980 and was one of six glass container plants acquired by Owens-Illinois from Consumers Packaging Inc. in 2001.

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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