Owens-Illinois Announces New Chief Communications Officer

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TOLEDO, Ohio, Nov. 30 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Owens-Illinois, Inc., (NYSE: OI) today announced that Carol R. Gee has been named chief communications officer effective December 1.

In this new role at O-I, Gee will lead the planning, development and implementation of the Company's global communication process. She will be responsible for aligning the worldwide strategy with all business unit strategies as well as developing a global organizational network to support O-I's communication challenges and objectives.

Gee has spent 32 years in advertising, public relations, brand management and corporate communications roles in retailing, advertising agencies and with DuPont. She is a member of the Association of National Advertisers and is often a speaker for the American Management Association and the Conference Board.

"We are seeking to improve our communications, both internally and externally, to help us leverage our global position, broaden our market base and speak as 'One O-I.' Good communications is a fundamental need in any transformation process," said Steve McCracken, O-I Chairman and CEO.

About O-I

Owens-Illinois is the largest manufacturer of glass containers in the world, with leading positions in Europe, North America, Asia Pacific and South America. O-I is also a leading manufacturer of health care packaging and specialty closure systems.

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