O-I to Close Plant in Sullivan, Indiana

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TOLEDO, Ohio, April 27, 2005 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX/ -- O-I (NYSE: OI) today announced that the Company intends to close its plastic container manufacturing facility in Sullivan, Ind. Production will be phased out beginning the first week of May through the end of the third quarter. The plant currently employs 63 people.

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The approximately 63,000 square foot facility located at 110 Industrial Park Drive manufactures plastic bottles for the health care industry.

Vincent Sarni, vice president of manufacturing for O-I HealthCare Packaging, said, "We sincerely regret having to make this decision. However, following the recent sale of our blow-molded plastic container business, we have concluded that we can consolidate operations and transfer capacity to our other facilities without compromising service to our customers."

The Company will work with the local GMP union No. 66 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, O-I will have 15 plastics manufacturing plants in the United States and Puerto Rico, in addition to three other facilities in Hungary, Brazil and Singapore.

The Sullivan plant began production in 1980 as part of the Dougherty Brothers Company and was acquired by O-I in 1985.

About O-I

Millions of times a day, O-I glass containers, healthcare packaging and specialty closure systems deliver many of the world's best-known consumer products to people all around the world. With leading positions in Europe, North America, Asia Pacific and South America, O-I provides consumer-preferred products that enable superior taste, purity, visual appeal and value benefits for our customers' products. Established in 1903, the company employs nearly 30,000 people and has more than 100 manufacturing facilities in 23 countries. In 2004, annual revenues were $6.2 billion. For more information, visit http://www.o-i.com .

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