



O-I Names Vice President of Sustainability

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TOLEDO, Ohio, June 26, 2006 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- Owens-Illinois, Inc. (NYSE: OI) today announced that Steven C. Hammond has been named to the newly created role of vice president, corporate sustainability.

In this role, Mr. Hammond's responsibility will be to provide leadership and better align the Company for strategy development and execution in the fields of environment, safety, health and product stewardship.

"We believe that sustainability is a key value driver for competitive advantage in our future. This role will have a powerful influence on O-I competitiveness, the image of glass and the competitive position of the glass industry as a whole," said Steve McCracken, O-I Chairman and CEO. "In essence, Steve will lead our corporate efforts in the health and well-being dimensions of our products, our people and our planet."

Currently, Mr. Hammond serves as vice president of regional operations, Europe, for the Western region, including France, Spain, the United Kingdom, Holland and Germany. He began his career with United Glass, based in the United Kingdom, in 1978 and has served in various manufacturing management assignments prior to becoming managing director of United Glass in 1999. In 2004, Mr. Hammond was named managing director of the United Kingdom and Holland before being named to his current position in 2005.

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 Latin 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 2005, annual revenues were \$7.2 billion. For more information, visit <http://www.o-i.com>.

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