O-I Announces President of Europe

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PERRYSBURG, Ohio, Nov. 1 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Owens-Illinois, Inc. (NYSE: OI) today announced that Gilberto Restrepo, president, O-I Europe, has elected to retire after 42 years of service. Mr. Restrepo will continue serving O-I through December 2006 to facilitate the transition to his successor, Jean-Marc Arrambourg.

Mr. Arrambourg most recently served as chief operations officer in Europe. He began his career with the former BSN Glasspack in 1999 as general manager, France, and then went on to serve as managing director for France and Spain. Prior to joining BSN, Jean-Marc served as general manager and commercial director at VMC Reims as well as commercial director and sales manager at Astra Plastique.

"Jean-Marc's knowledge of the European operations and markets will be invaluable in our efforts to leverage and optimize our European manufacturing footprint as well as partner with customers to generate growth and profitability," said Rich Crawford, president, Global Glass Operations.

Mr. Restrepo joined O-I in 1964 as an industrial engineer for Peldar, the O-I joint venture in Colombia. He went on to serve as industrial engineering director, production planning director, and export sales manager for Peldar. In 1971, he was named marketing manager for Latin America and Spain working out of Toledo. In 1972, he was named vice president of sales and marketing for Peldar. Mr. Restrepo was appointed president and general manager of Peldar in 1982, and was appointed vice president of international operations in 1994 and elected a vice president of the Company in 2000. He has also served as general manager, Western region, Latin America and president of Latin America glass.

"Gil has given much to O-I and the glass industry during his impressive 42-year career," said Steve McCracken, Chairman and CEO. "His depth and breadth of industry experience as well as his commitment to the Company is leaving a profound and positive legacy at O-I. Gil's success over the years in Latin America and his recent efforts to create a team-based O-I Europe has put us in a position for successful execution of our core priorities and strategic objectives in the region. On behalf of O-I, I thank Gil for his years of contributions and wish him all the best in retirement."

About O-I

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