O-I Announces President of Latin America

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PERRYSBURG, Ohio, Nov. 1 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Owens-Illinois, Inc. (NYSE: OI) today announced that Jose A. Lorente has been named president, O-I Latin America.

In this role, Mr. Lorente will focus on growing the Latin American business portfolio and broadening the Company's market base in emerging economies throughout the region.

"Jose has been a key player on the Latin American team and was instrumental in building a successful team in Brazil," said Rich Crawford, president, Global Glass Operations. "His leadership provides us opportunity to grow with our customers in Latin America and execute strategies to leverage our global capabilities and broaden our markets."

Mr. Lorente began his career with O-I in 1979 as an engineer. During his time with O-I he has also served in a variety of sales, marketing and manufacturing assignments including glass container marketing director; vice president of sales and marketing, Venezuela, and assistant general manager, Brazil, until he was named general manager in 2000. Mr. Lorente holds degrees in mechanical engineering and business administration.

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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