O-I Announces President of North America

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PERRYSBURG, Ohio, Oct. 8 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Owens-Illinois, Inc. (NYSE: OI) today announced that J. Scott Murchison has been named president, North America Glass Containers.

In this role, Mr. Murchison will focus on increasing the North American region's profitability and growth, as well as improving operational performance.

"Scott brings broad management experience with substantial background in both the commercial and operation areas from a business environment similar to O-I," said Rich Crawford, president, Global Glass Operations. "He has a proven track record of improving the profitability of his former business and of building high performing teams. We look forward to Scott joining the North American team as we continue to build on our current momentum."

Mr. Murchison joins O-I from the International Paper Company where he began in 1986. He served in various management assignments, including sales & marketing manager for the bleached board and the folding carton divisions, as well as general manager of beverage packaging, North America. In 2001, Mr. Murchison was named vice president and general manager of the beverage packaging business and in 2002 his assignment was expanded to include the foodservice division. He holds a degree in civil engineering and management from McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario.

About O-I

Millions of times a day, O-I delivers many of the world's best-known consumer products to people all around the world. With the leading position in Europe, North America, Asia Pacific and Latin America, O-I provides consumer-preferred, 100 percent recyclable glass containers that enable superior taste, purity, visual appeal and value benefits for our customers' products. Established in 1903, the company employs more than 25,000 people with 83 manufacturing facilities in 22 countries. In 2006, net sales from continuing glass operations were $6.65 billion. For more information, visit http://www.o-i.com.

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