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Ashland Inc.'s manufacturing facility in Texas City recognized among best in state for safety by Texas Chemical Council and Association of Chemical Industry of Texas

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TEXAS CITY, Texas - Ashland Inc. (NYSE: ASH) today announced that its manufacturing facility in Texas City has received a "Best in Texas" safety award from the Texas Chemical Council and Association of Chemical Industry of Texas (TCC/ACIT). The annual award, which is the trade associations' highest honor, recognizes outstanding safety performance for facilities in four size categories. Ashland's Texas City facility was named as the 2012 winner in the category for 61-200 employees.

A panel of industry peers reviewed safety data and safety programs at 22 member plants. Among the criteria used in judging are performance and leadership in employee and contractor safety programs, as well as participation in TCC activities and annual training seminars.

"Safety is our top priority, and it's an honor to be recognized by our peers for the performance of our employees, contractors and our overall operations," said Jay Bizarro, director of operations for Ashland Specialty Ingredients and site general manager in Texas City. "We aim for continuous improvement in all of our operations, including our approach to safety training and education. Our first concern every day is the safety of our employees, contractors and the community around us."

In addition to the "Best in Texas" award, TCC/ACIT also honored Ashland's Texas City site for having no recordable injuries involving employees or contractors in 2012.

"The responsibility for safety is shared by each and every Ashland employee and this award serves to confirm our continuous efforts towards zero incidents," said Steve Post, Ashland's vice president of operations and environmental, health and safety. "Making safety a way of life is a core priority, a central value for Ashland and a never ending process that we are fully committed to."

About TCC/ACIT

Texas Chemical Council (TCC) is a statewide trade association of chemical manufacturing facilities in Texas. Currently, 68 member companies produce vital products for our way of life, fulfill educational and quality-of-life needs and provide employment and career opportunities for more than 74,000 Texans at over 200 separate facilities across the state. Their combined economic activity sustains nearly a half-million jobs for Texans.

The Association of Chemical Industry of Texas (ACIT) is a strong voice for the chemical industry and a leading advocate for preserving the chemical industry's economic vitality. ACIT represents both large and small businesses ranging from chemical manufacturers, suppliers, contractors, and a variety of service companies that are vital to the Texas chemical industry. ACIT members provide a support system crucial to maintaining a strong economy for the chemical industry in Texas.

About Ashland

In more than 100 countries, the people of Ashland Inc. provide the specialty chemicals, technologies and insights to help customers create new and improved products for today and sustainable solutions for tomorrow. Our chemistry is at work every day in a wide variety of markets and applications, including architectural coatings, automotive, construction, energy, food and beverage, personal care, pharmaceutical, tissue and towel, and water treatment. Visit ashland.com to see the innovations we offer through our four commercial units - Ashland Specialty Ingredients, Ashland Water Technologies, Ashland Performance Materials and Ashland Consumer Markets.

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