



Ashland Inc. Chairman/CEO to Speak at Credit Suisse Chemical Conference

COVINGTON, Ky., Sept. 17 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- James J. O'Brien, Ashland Inc. (NYSE: ASH) chairman and chief executive officer, will speak at Credit Suisse's 16th Annual Chemical Conference, Sept. 25, at 9:20 a.m. (EDT) in New York, N.Y.

He will update the audience on performance of the businesses and will review Ashland's future as a diversified, global chemical company.

An audio webcast will be presented live and can be accessed, along with supporting materials, through the Ashland Inc. website at www.ashland.com. An audio replay will be available on Ashland's website within 24 hours of the live presentation. It will be archived for 90 days, and supporting materials will be available for 12 months. Copies of the presentation also can be requested by sending an e-mail to investor_relations@ashland.com, or by calling 859-815-4454.

Ashland Inc., a diversified, global chemical company, provides quality products, services and solutions to customers in more than 100 countries. A FORTUNE 500 company, it operates through four divisions: Ashland Performance Materials, Ashland Distribution, Valvoline and Ashland Water Technologies. To learn more about Ashland, visit www.ashland.com.

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