



## Ashland Inc. Chairman and CEO O'Brien Speaks at Citi Chemicals Conference

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James J. O'Brien, chairman and chief executive officer, Ashland Inc. (NYSE: ASH), will make a presentation at the 19th Annual Citi Chemicals Conference in New York, N.Y., on Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2008, at 9:45 a.m. (EST). In his remarks to representatives of investment institutions, O'Brien will provide an overview of the company's structure and operations following the completion of its recent acquisition of Hercules Inc.

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An audio webcast will be presented live and can be accessed, along with supporting materials, through the Ashland Inc. website at [www.ashland.com](http://www.ashland.com). The replay will be available on Ashland's website one hour following the live presentation through March 3. Supporting materials will be available for 12 months. Copies of the presentation can also be requested by sending an e-mail to [investor\\_relations@ashland.com](mailto:investor_relations@ashland.com), or by calling 859-815-4454.

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