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Ashland Realigns Specialties Business Leadership Roles

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Ashland Inc. (NYSE: ASH) today announced a series of leadership changes for the Specialties business intended to deliver profitable growth across business lines.

Suzanne B. Rowland has joined Ashland as group vice president, Industrial Specialties with overall responsibility for the coatings, adhesives and other industrial end markets.

Rowland brings significant experience in complex industrial and materials businesses to this role driving profitable growth, developing talent, and aligning and strengthening teams. Most recently she held global leadership positions at Tyco in the highly regulated fire protection products industry. While at Rohm and Haas, she held senior executive positions including vice president of Global Adhesives & Sealants, vice president of Coatings North America, and vice president of Procurement & Logistics. Rowland gained valuable experience working at privately held company, J.M. Huber, as the leader of strategy, mergers and acquisitions. Earlier in her career she held roles as plant manager, financial controller and in sales and marketing.

Rowland holds a master's of science (MS) degree from the London Business School and a bachelor's of science (BS) in chemical engineering from the University of Pennsylvania. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for LB Foster Co. (NASDAQ: FSTR) as the Chair of the Nomination and Governance Committee and is a founding co-chair of Women Corporate Directors Philadelphia chapter. She is also on the Board of Overseers for the University of Pennsylvania School of Engineering.

Vito Consiglio joins Ashland Inc. as vice president, Personal and Home Care. Consiglio brings more than 28 years of significant experience in global and Fortune 500 companies servicing a variety of specialty markets, including a 22-year focus on ingredients and materials. Prior to joining Ashland, he served as vice president, Transportation Markets, Carpenter Technology Corporation (NYSE: CRS). Previously he worked for Doughty Hanson and Co. as vice president, commercial operations, for Norit Activated Carbon. His experience also includes various leadership positions with Henkel, Morton International, Rohm and Haas and Danaher Corporation.

Consiglio is experienced delivering double-digit operating profit and building and developing businesses across regions and functions collaboratively to achieve business and customer goals. He brings extensive experience in marketing and finance to this role and his career-long focus on commercial excellence brings proven skills to drive innovation from ideation to premium customer sales. His strong analytical skills will enable Ashland to rapidly assess issues and opportunities and countermeasure effectively.

Consiglio is trained and certified in world-class problem resolution methodologies in various industries. He holds a master's in business administration (MBA) in Finance and General Management from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business and a Bachelor of Science (BS) in physiology and chemistry from Michigan State University.

David Neuberger, who previously served as vice president and general manager, North America Industrial Specialties for Ashland, has been named vice president Pharmaceutical, Nutrition and Agriculture. He previously served in the Pharmaceutical business and as director of investor relations for Ashland. During his tenure at Hercules he was director, Corporate Development, and also held a variety of roles in research and development, operations, marketing and finance while at WR Grace. He holds a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Johns Hopkins University and an MBA from Wharton where he was named a Palmer Scholar.

Neuberger also co-leads a Simplification engagement team for Ashland. In this role he has demonstrated the ability to drive collaboration across functions while instilling a sense of urgency to deliver rapid results. These skills are expected to help drive higher levels of collaboration, innovation and cross-company teamwork in support of profitable growth.

"I am extremely excited about our new leadership in Ashland Specialty Ingredients, each leader brings unique strengths and talents to their respective roles. Their capabilities will help us capitalize on opportunities, drive growth and provide enhanced organizational focus to our three core markets of Pharmaceutical, Personal Care and Coatings", said Fernandez-Moreno.

About Ashland Inc.

Ashland Inc. (NYSE: ASH) is a global leader in providing specialty chemical solutions to customers in a wide range of consumer and industrial markets, including adhesives, architectural coatings, automotive, construction, energy, food and beverage, personal care and pharmaceutical. Through our three business units - Ashland Specialty Ingredients, Ashland Performance Materials and Valvoline - we service our customers in more than 100 countries. Visit ashland.com to learn more.

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Forward-Looking Statements

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Non-solicitation

A registration statement relating to the securities of Ashland Global Holdings Inc. in connection with the reorganization of Ashland under a new holding company has been filed with the SEC but has not yet become effective. The securities subject to such registration statement may not be sold, nor may offers to buy such securities be accepted, before the time the registration statement becomes effective. This news release shall not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy such securities, and shall not constitute an offer, solicitation or sale in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of that jurisdiction.

Additional Information and Where to Find It

In connection with the reorganization, Ashland filed with the SEC the Ashland Global Holdings Inc. registration statement (the "Ashland Global Registration Statement") that includes a proxy statement of Ashland Inc. that also constitutes a prospectus of Ashland Global Holdings Inc. with respect to the securities of Ashland Global Holdings Inc. (the Ashland Global Registration Statement has not yet been declared effective). INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS, AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE, BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN, OR WILL CONTAIN, IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT ASHLAND INC., ASHLAND GLOBAL HOLDINGS INC. AND THE REORGANIZATION. A definitive proxy statement will be sent to shareholders of Ashland Inc. seeking approval of the reorganization after the Ashland Global Registration Statement is declared effective. The proxy statement/prospectus and other documents relating to the reorganization can be obtained free of charge from the SEC website at <http://www.sec.gov>.

Participants in Solicitation

This communication is not a solicitation of a proxy from any investor or shareholder. However, Ashland Inc., Ashland Global Holdings Inc. and certain of their directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in connection with the reorganization under the rules of the SEC. Information regarding Ashland Inc.'s directors and executive officers may be found in its definitive proxy statement relating to its 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders filed with the SEC on December 4, 2015 and in the proxy statement/prospectus included in the Ashland Global Registration Statement. Information regarding Ashland Global Holdings Inc.'s directors and executive officers may be found in the proxy statement/prospectus included in the Ashland Global Registration Statement. These documents can be obtained free of charge from the SEC.

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