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**OLIN CHLOR ALKALI PRODUCTS CELEBRATES 20 YEARS  
OF CONTINUOUS PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT  
THROUGH THE U.S. RESPONSIBLE CARE® INITIATIVE**

**CLEVELAND, Tenn., Dec. 2, 2008** – Olin Chlor Alkali Products, a division of Olin Corporation (**NYSE: OLN**), and the U.S. chemical industry are celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Responsible Care, an industrywide initiative for pursuing continuous improvement in seven specific areas: community awareness and emergency response; security; distribution; employee health and safety; pollution prevention; process safety; and product stewardship. Through Responsible Care, Olin Chlor Alkali Products and the chemical industry have achieved remarkable progress in all seven areas.

The proven practices of Responsible Care begin with a top-level commitment and extend out to employees; emergency responders; local government leaders; and partners in other industries and the global business community.

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The company believes that a sound business plan requires not only making great products but also taking responsibility for the impact of the business on the world. Olin Chlor Alkali believes in leading by example, and the principles of Responsible Care have been recognized by government, industry and independent auditors.

Through Responsible Care, companies use a modern management system to drive environmental, health, safety and security performance. A key component of this management system is mandatory certification by independent, accredited auditing firms, and the industry's progress is made publicly available at [www.americanchemistry.com/responsiblecare](http://www.americanchemistry.com/responsiblecare). Additionally, chemistry industry leaders have adopted a security code that is widely recognized as the most stringent security program in American manufacturing.

Today, Responsible Care companies have achieved a worker safety record that is more than five times better than the average of the U.S. manufacturing sector. The companies also have reduced releases to the environment by more than 75 percent in the past two decades. Fully 100 percent of Responsible Care companies have completed full security code implementation.

America's chemical companies manufacture essential products for everyday life and represent a new generation of thinking and openness. Olin Chlor Alkali is proud of its achievements in environmental, health, safety and security performance. Through Responsible Care, the company and the industry will continue to strive for innovative ways to do more.

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