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JONES-HAMILTON HONORED FOR CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO SAFETY

Specialty Chemical Manufacturer Recognized by Ohio Chemistry Technology Council, Safety Council of Northwest Ohio For Continued Safety Commitment and Performance

WALBRIDGE, Ohio -- Jones-Hamilton Co., an employee-owned manufacturer of specialty chemical products, was recognized with awards from two organizations for its continued commitment to safety and environmental protection.

The Ohio Chemistry Technology Council honored Jones-Hamilton with the council's *Excellence in Environmental, Health, Safety and Security Performance Award*. The award was given in recognition for Jones-Hamilton's dedication to upholding effective programs that resulted in significant performance enhancements during 2004. The award recognized Jones-Hamilton for implementing documented management systems that prevent pollution and serious accidents as well as for developing strong working relationships with government officials, industry peers and the community.

The company also was honored by the Safety Council of Northwest Ohio and the Division of Safety and Hygiene. The *100% Award* was presented to Jones-Hamilton as a result of the company experiencing zero lost-time occupational injuries and illnesses in 2004. Jones-Hamilton received its award at the 51st Annual Industrial Awards Banquet in Toledo.

"These two honors are the direct result of the extra effort the employees at Jones-Hamilton take to maintain a safe environment for themselves and the community that surrounds us," said Ray Hahn, Corporate Manager of Environmental, Safety and Security, Jones-Hamilton.

About Jones-Hamilton

Jones-Hamilton Co. produces chemical products that are used to balance pH in food, household and agricultural products as well as enhance water and air quality. Founded in 1951, Jones-Hamilton has its manufacturing facility in Walbridge, Ohio, which will celebrate its 25th anniversary in 2006.