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PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT

PILOT CHEMICAL GAINS CHEMSTEWARDS® CERTIFICATION

CINCINNATI, 8/31/09 – Pilot Chemical has received certification and compliance with the Society of Chemical Manufacturers and Affiliates (SOCMA) ChemStewards program. ChemStewards is SOCMA's flagship environmental, health, safety and security (EHS&S) continuous performance improvement program. ChemStewards program was created to meet the unique needs of the batch, custom and specialty chemical industry. As a mandatory requirement for SOCMA members engaged in the manufacturing or handling of synthetic and organic chemicals, ChemStewards is helping participants reach for superior EHS&S performance.

Pilot Chemical is being recognized for its successful efforts to go above and beyond the minimum for federal EHS&S compliance, build customer confidence and community trust, and strengthen product stewardship.

"ChemStewards has moved the overall Pilot Chemical EHS&S program forward by creating a focus on EHS&S excellence and continuous improvement through policy, procedure, measurement and audit functions", said Susan Leslie, Pilot's Vice President of Operations. "We are proud of each of our plant's achievement for their certification under the ChemStewards program."

"Pilot Chemical should be proud to be ChemStewards certified," said Joe Acker, SOCMA's President. "Their customers can be assured that their business is being handled by a company that makes sound environmental, health, safety and security management a top priority. SOCMA's ChemStewards program is the only EHS&S program designed specifically for the batch, custom and specialty chemical industry. Pilot Chemical's participation indicates their commitment to compliance with federal regulation and building cooperation throughout the supply chain."

SOCMA members manufacture thousands of products annually, from pharmaceuticals to industrial and construction products. SOCMA members produce the building blocks for materials that enhance our lives and enable the manufacture of thousands of other products. Visit SOCMA's online press room at www.socma.com. To learn more about the ChemStewards program, visit www.chemstewards.com.

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Pilot Chemical Company is an environmentally conscious and innovative global producer of high-quality specialty surfactants for a variety of industries including personal care, household and institutional, emulsion polymerization, oil field, lubricant and agriculture. Headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio, Pilot Chemical is a fully ISO-9001 certified manufacturing organization. To learn more about Pilot Chemical Company, visit our website: www.pilotchemical.com.

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