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Chemical Industry Rallies Together during the SCIC Annual Dinner and Responsible Care Awards 2011

Singapore, 31 March 2011 – The chemical industry and some key government agencies rallied together today in show of support and appreciation for the Singapore Chemical Industry Council, or SCIC in short. The SCIC is the official body representing the chemical industry of Singapore in the private sector.

As part of the Annual Dinner Programme, Responsible Care Awards were presented to some 32 companies, who received the awards for various categories in recognition of their commendable implementation of the Responsible Care Codes of Management Practices.

Responsible Care is an international voluntary initiative of the chemical industry to operate within strict environment, health and safety guidelines - often beyond what is required by regulations - so as to co-exist safely and in harmony with the environment and the community. In Singapore, it is guided by six codes of management practices covering community awareness and emergency response; distribution; employee health & safety; pollution prevention; process safety; and product stewardship. Achievement, Gold and Excellence Awards are presented for companies' performance in each code.

This is the tenth year running that the Responsible Care Awards are being given out since its launch in 2001. It is open to members of SCIC who are signatories of Responsible Care. Companies conduct self-audits and submit entries for the various codes, after which these submissions are reviewed by a panel of judges, comprising members from the industry and representatives from the Ministry of Manpower, National Environment Agency and Singapore Civil Defence Force. Clarification meetings and site visits are also conducted before the results are finalised and endorsed by the board of the SCIC.

“Our goal is zero!” Simon Herriott, Managing Director (Worldwide) for Safety Resources, DuPont Sustainable Solutions comments. “We cherish the opportunity to support the Responsible Care movement in Singapore as safety, the environment and our people form the core values at DuPont. Practicing Responsible Care is an integral part of an organizational culture that is working towards a sustainable business model.” DuPont is the official sponsor for the 2010 Responsible Care Awards.

The message was aptly communicated to more than 450 industry members and partners present at the annual event to celebrate the achievements of companies committed to improving HSE performances through Responsible Care. “It is a unique and important programme for the industry as we work together in maintaining our high HSE standards, and goes beyond the regulatory requirements,” remarked Dr Tay Kin Bee, Chairman of SCIC, during his opening speech.

As the flagship programme of the chemical industry to improve HSE standards and performances, Responsible Care has been an integral platform that has brought companies across the supply chain together in a concerted effort to share good practices and extend mutual assistance especially towards the local companies.

Please refer to Annex A for complete list of Responsible Care Awards 2011 winners.

About the Singapore Chemical Industry Council Limited (SCIC)

The SCIC is the official body representing the chemical industry of Singapore in the private sector. Its membership comprises key multinationals, small and medium enterprises, as well as logistics/services providers and traders.

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