

## **CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COMMITMENT TO HEALTH, SAFETY AND THE ENVIRONMENT REMAINS STRONG DESPITE VOLATILE TIMES**

*Singapore, 1 April 2010* – The chemical industry re-iterated its commitment to Health, Safety and the Environment amidst a somewhat volatile economic environment.

Speaking at the Singapore Chemical Industry Council's Annual Dinner and Responsible Care Awards Presentation, the council's chairman, Dr A Chockalingam, highlighted the consistent message and stand of the council: that health, safety and environmental (HSE) standards must not be compromised regardless of economic situations.

The message was aptly communicated to more than 400 industry members and partners present at the annual event to celebrate the achievements of companies committed to improving HSE performances through Responsible Care.

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.

This alignment in direction of the industry to the objectives of the Workplace Safety and Health (WSH) Council had further led to the formation of the Chemical Industries Committee within the WSH Council in 2009, of which Dr Chockalingam also represents as Deputy Chairman.

**“Chemicals are the very building blocks that have contributed to the comfortable standards of living that we enjoy today. The chemical industry is the provider of these blocks. Sustainability means that we must be in the position to continue being this important provider for the years to come, and to provide them in a safe manner, to our employees, to the community and to the environment,”** shared Dr Chockalingam.

Of further significance for the evening was the fact that a local chemical logistics company, LTH Logistics (Singapore) Pte Ltd, by sponsoring the 2009 awards shows its greater commitment to Responsible Care..

**Said Dr Chockalingam, “It is encouraging to note that a local SME has risen up to show its commitment to Responsible Care by sponsoring the Responsible Care Awards 2009. Through their participation it is our hope that more SMEs will be inspired to commit to this important programme**

**and improve their HSE performances and standards. This will help ensure that the Singapore chemical industry remains robust in this area even as it continues to develop”**

The SCIC Responsible Care Awards, in its ninth year running, was also held in conjunction with the dinner. Some 31 companies received various categories of awards as a recognition for their good implementation of the Responsible Care Codes of Management Practices.

Please refer to Annex A for complete list of Responsible Care Awards 2010 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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