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ChemDesign Receives Second National Performance Improvement Honor

Marinette, WI – November 12, 2012 – ChemDesign of Marinette, Wisconsin, has received a **Silver National Performance Improvement Honor from SOCMA** (Society of Chemical Manufacturers and Affiliates) for its commitment to improving their environmental, health, safety and security operations. Just last year ChemDesign received a bronze award from SOCMA for their educational outreach efforts.

ChemDesign participates in SOCMA's ChemStewards® program, which encourages companies to operate their facilities in an environment that guarantees safety and environmental compliance to all stakeholders.

ChemDesign will accept their Silver Performance Improvement Award at SOCMA's 91st Annual Dinner on December 10 in New York City. ChemDesign is being recognized for its continued efforts in developing a successful EHS&S program while reducing their environmental footprint.

"We are extremely proud of the hard work and dedication of our Employees, Supervisors and the entire Management Team on behalf of our EHS&S programs. The key elements of training, audits, inspections and participation by all levels of the organization continue to result in success for our customers as well as ourselves. This award reflects our commitment to constant improvement for our products, our workers and our neighbors within the community," said Dr. Timothy Swavely, Director Environmental Health & Safety for ChemDesign.

"In today's business world it is incumbent upon companies to be good environmental stewards in order to ensure the safety and security of not only their employees but the community in which they live. We congratulate ChemDesign and its employees on this achievement, and we encourage them to continue these efforts through the ChemStewards performance improvement program," said SOCMA President Lawrence D. Sloan.

ChemDesign (www.chemdesign.com) provides chemical toll processing for companies in the agricultural chemicals, consumer, energy, industrial and plastics industries. The company employs over 100 people at their facility in Marinette, Wisconsin.

SOCMA (www.socma.com) is the only U.S.-based trade association dedicated solely to the batch, custom and specialty chemical industry. Since 1921, we have represented a diverse membership of small, medium and large chemical companies, making us the leading authority on this sector. SOCMA has a global membership of 220 companies, which employ more than 46,000 workers in the U.S.

ChemStewards® (www.chemstewards.com) is SOCMA's flagship environmental, health, safety and security (EHS&S) continuous performance improvement program. ChemStewards was created from industry's commitment to reducing our environmental footprint. Industry created ChemStewards 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 chemicals, ChemStewards is helping participants reach for superior EHS&S performance.