



Ashland Inc. Chairman and CEO O'Brien Speaks at Young & Partners Chemical Executives Conference

COVINGTON, Ky., Sept. 11 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- James J. O'Brien, chairman and chief executive officer, Ashland Inc. (NYSE: ASH), will make a presentation at the Young and Partners LLC conference "Strategic, Financial and Shareholder Issues for Chemical Executives" in New York City on Thursday, Sept. 25, 2008, at 9 a.m. (EDT). O'Brien's remarks will focus on "Structural Changes in the Chemical Industry: A Corporate Perspective."

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Supporting materials will be available for 12 months on the Ashland website at www.ashland.com . Copies of the presentation can also be requested by sending an e-mail to investor_relations@ashland.com, or by calling 859-815-4454.

Ashland Inc. (NYSE: ASH), a diversified, global chemical company, provides quality products, services and solutions to customers in more than 100 countries. A FORTUNE 500 company, it operates through four divisions: Ashland Performance Materials, Ashland Distribution, Valvoline and Ashland Water Technologies. To learn more about Ashland, visit www.ashland.com .

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