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Ashland Inc. Executive to Speak at Global Chemical Industry Conference

COVINGTON, Ky., Dec. 6 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Gary A. Cappeline, president and chief operating officer, Chemical Sector, Ashland Inc., will present the opening keynote address at the Chemical Industry Global Outlook 2005 Conference in New York City this week. Cappeline will speak to the conference at the Westin Hotel at Times Square on Thursday, Dec. 9, at 10:45 a.m.

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His remarks will examine trends and challenges facing today's global chemical industry, and he will share his insights into what will distinguish successful, value-creating companies in the future.

The presentation will be available and archived on the Ashland Inc. website, <http://www.ashland.com> , beginning Friday, Dec. 10. Copies of the presentation can also be requested by sending an e-mail to mediarelations@ashland.com , or by calling 614-790-3715.

Ashland Inc. (NYSE: ASH) is a Fortune 500 transportation construction, chemical and petroleum company providing products, services and customer solutions throughout the world. To learn more about Ashland, visit <http://www.ashland.com> .

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