



## Ashland Inc. Chairman and CEO O'Brien Speaks at Credit Suisse Annual Chemical Conference

COVINGTON, Ky., Sept. 10 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- James J. O'Brien, chairman and chief executive officer, Ashland Inc. (NYSE: ASH), will make a presentation at the Credit Suisse Chemical and Ag Science Conference in New York City on Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2008, at 10:40 a.m. (EDT). In his remarks, O'Brien will review and provide an update on Ashland's businesses, priorities and strategies, including the pending acquisition of Hercules Inc.

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An audio webcast will be presented live and can be accessed, along with supporting materials, through the Ashland website at [www.ashland.com](http://www.ashland.com). The replay will be available within 24 hours of the live presentation and will be archived on Ashland's website for 90 days. Supporting materials will be available for 12 months. Copies of the presentation can also be requested by sending an e-mail to [investor\\_relations@ashland.com](mailto:investor_relations@ashland.com), or by calling 859-815-4454.

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