

MORE LOCAL COMPANIES RECEIVE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY'S RESPONSIBLE CARE AWARD

Singapore, 27 March 2008 –Three local companies today made history to be conferred Achievement Awards at the Singapore Chemical Industry Council's annual Responsible Care Awards, historically dominated by multi-national companies.

LTH Logistics (Singapore) Pte Ltd, Megachem Ltd and YCH Group Pte Ltd today received the awards which are presented annually to recognise good implementation of Responsible Care practices in the fields of Health, Safety and Environment.

Dr A.Chockalingam, Chairman of SCIC commented on the significance of SME' s winning the awards, showing that the smaller companies have also recognized the importance of responsible care practices in furthering their business objectives in a sustainable manner.

Mr Lee Tzu Yang, Chairman of Shell companies in Singapore – sponsor of this year's awards – said, "By their safe and responsible management of chemicals throughout their lifecycles, the winning companies continuously raise the bar on acceptable standards in health, safety and environmental performance in the chemicals industry. Their successes inspire others to follow, but more importantly, their adherence to Responsible Care principles help to ensure that the industry remains sustainable."

Responsible Care is an international voluntary initiative of the chemical industry to operate to strict environment, health and safety guidelines - often beyond what is required by regulations - so as to co-exist safely and in harmony with the environment and the community. In Singapore, it is guided by six codes of management practices covering community awareness and preparedness; distribution; employee health & safety; pollution prevention; process safety; and product stewardship. Achievement, Gold and Excellence Awards are given for companies' performance in each code. An exemplary individual effort to promote the adoption of Responsible Care in Singapore is also acknowledged with the Individual Award.

This is the seventh year the Responsible Care Awards are being given out since they were launched in 2001. It is open to members of SCIC who are signatories to Responsible Care. Companies conduct self-audits and submit entries for the various codes, and these submissions are reviewed by a panel of judges, comprising members from the industry and representatives from the Ministry of Manpower, National Environment Agency and Singapore Civil Defence Force. Clarification meetings and site visits are also conducted before the results are finalised and endorsed by the board of the SCIC.

Please refer to Annex for complete list of Responsible Care Awards 2007 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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