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### ESIG Product Stewardship Award rewards best practice in solvents use

**Brussels, 9 March 2009** – The European Solvents Industry Group (ESIG) launches the seventh ESIG Product Stewardship Award to showcase and reward examples of best practice within the solvents industry. The Award is open to any European company able to demonstrate health, safety and environmental improvements in the handling and use of solvents.

ESIG's prize-giving ceremony will take place in the framework of the Cefic Responsible Care Forum and ICCA Congress in Prague end of October 2009.

The Award application form – available in English, German, French, Italian and Spanish - can be downloaded from the ESIG website at [www.esig.org](http://www.esig.org) and must be submitted by 31 May 2009. Entries will be considered during summer 2009 by an independent expert panel of judges. Made up of senior representatives from the European Commission, the European Parliament, trade associations and media, the jury will be looking for innovative projects or programmes that have achieved clear improvements for workers and society as a whole.

First created in 1999, the ESIG Award scheme has clearly demonstrated valuable progress within solvents-using industries. "Increasingly, companies are achieving environmental improvements by reducing solvents' emissions or fostering health and safety in the workplace by promoting the safe use of solvents", says Dorothee Arns, ESIG Secretary General. "The Award gives all solvents' users the perfect opportunity to show their strong commitment to Responsible Care and to highlight their achievements in this area."

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*ESIG represents the major European producers of oxygenated and hydrocarbon solvents. By building alliances with industry partners and downstream users, ESIG actively promotes the safe use and handling of solvents.*

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