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## **KMCO, L.P. SURPASSES CHEMSTEWARDS® REQUIREMENTS** *KMCO Qualifies for SOCMA's "Excellence" Ranking*

**Houston** – **KMCO, L.P.**'s Crosby, TX facility announced today that as a result of exceeding key performance requirements for the Society of Chemical Manufacturers and Affiliates' (SOCMA) ChemStewards® program, it has qualified for the program's highest ranking, known as the Excellence Tier.

**KMCO** is being recognized for its successful efforts to go above and beyond the minimum for federal Environmental, Health, Safety and Security (EHS&S) compliance, build customer confidence and community trust, and strengthen product stewardship.

**"A strong EHS&S program is paramount in the daily execution of our operations", said Jeff McFerrin, KMCO's Vice President. "Continuous improvement of our EHS&S programs gives our employees, our customers, and our community the confidence that KMCO is always operating in their best interest."**

"We congratulate KMCO for this achievement, which proves their commitment to continuous improvement in EHS&S performance," said Lawrence D. Sloan, SOCMA's President and CEO. "KMCO's customers, workers and community should take comfort in the fact that their supplier, employer or neighbor is operating above expectations in conformance with regulatory requirements."

ChemStewards® is an industry-developed EHS&S program designed for the batch, custom and specialty chemicals industry. It was created from industry's commitment to continuous improvement and to reducing the environmental footprint left by members' facilities. The program is based on a three-tier system with key performance requirements per tier. Tier one is known as Fundamental and tier two is Enhanced Performance – the standard tier for ChemStewards® participants. To qualify for Excellence, or tier three, facilities must sign core principles, complete security requirements, meet specific metrics obligations and requirements, have one documented management review meeting, and complete a third-party verification of management systems at the Enhanced Performance level.

SOCMA is the only U.S. based trade association dedicated solely to the batch, custom and specialty chemical industry. Since 1921, we have represented a diverse membership of small, medium and large chemical companies, making us the leading authority on this sector. SOCMA has a global membership of more than 200 companies. In the US, members employ more than 100,000 workers across the country and produce 50,000 products valued at \$60 billion annually. For more information on our services and products, please visit [www.socma.com](http://www.socma.com).

ChemStewards® is SOCMA's flagship environmental, health, safety and security (EHS&S) continuous performance improvement program. ChemStewards was created from industry's commitment to reducing our environmental footprint. Industry created ChemStewards to meet the unique needs of the batch, custom, and specialty chemical industry. As a mandatory requirement for SOCMA members engaged in the manufacturing or handling of chemicals, ChemStewards is helping participants reach for superior EHS&S performance. To learn more visit [www.chemstewards.com](http://www.chemstewards.com).

*KMCO is a privately held major toll processor with manufacturing facilities located in Crosby, TX. Operating under the same ownership since 1975, KMCO is fully committed to serving their customer's needs with high-quality value added products and services. To learn more about KMCO, visit their website at [www.kmcoinc.com](http://www.kmcoinc.com).*