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KMCO, L.P. Wins National Recognition for Efforts to Improve Chemistry Education

Houston, TX – The Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturers Association (SOCMA) in conjunction with the Chemical Educational Foundation (CEF) has awarded KMCO L.P.'s Crosby, TX facility its 2008 Educational Outreach Award for the facility's work with local schools as well as its strong environmental, health, safety and security (EHS&S) efforts. The Educational Outreach Award is a top industry accolade as part of SOCMA's annual Performance Improvement Awards and includes a \$3000 award to the school or educational charity of the winner's choice.

KMCO, L.P. is being recognized for its successful involvement in educating the community about the opportunities the chemical industry has to offer. Through direct involvement with many educational and community events held throughout the year, KMCO encourages employees to take active roles to maintain the vital relationship between KMCO and our local community.

"We are honored to receive this award from SOCMA and especially proud of our commitment to our local schools. I want to commend all our employees' hard work and volunteer service," said KMCO's Owner and President, Artie McFerrin.

SOCMA, the leading international trade association representing the custom and specialty chemical industry, recognized KMCO at SOCMA's Annual Dinner during a special awards reception on December 8 in New York City. David Fortune and Richard McDill accepted the award at the dinner.

"KMCO's civic spirit and involvement in their local school community are a model for all of us in the industry. KMCO provides a great example of what we can do to support education and nurture the development of tomorrow's chemists. We commend KMCO and hope they will continue their efforts in the future," said SOCMA President Joe Acker.

SOCMA members manufacture thousands of products annually, from pharmaceuticals to industrial and construction products. SOCMA members produce the building blocks for materials that enhance our lives and enable the manufacture of thousands of other products. Visit SOCMA's online press room at www.socma.com.

ChemStewards® is SOCMA's flagship environmental, health, safety and security (EHS&S) performance improvement program. ChemStewards was created from industry's commitment to continuous improvement and to reducing the environmental footprint left by members' facilities. 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 synthetic and organic chemicals, ChemStewards is helping participants reach for superior EHS&S performance. To learn more, visit www.chemstewards.com.

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