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## **INDUSTRY, LABOR ANNOUNCE NEW ALLIANCE**

WASHINGTON (November 4, 2015) – The chemical industry and leading national labor unions today officially announced the formation of the Chemical Industry Labor-Management Committee (CILMC). The Committee is comprised of eight trustee organizations, co-chaired by the American Chemistry Council (ACC) and North America's Building Trades Unions (NABTU). In addition to ACC and NABTU, founding members from industry are Albemarle Corporation, Calgon Carbon Corporation and Solvay America. Founding labor organization members are the Laborers' International Union of North America, the International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers, and the United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters.

Through the CILMC, representatives from the chemical industry and labor will consider policy and workforce issues critical to the success of the U.S. chemical industry and its associated workforces. The CILMC will advocate for policies that reinforce the ongoing domestic manufacturing renaissance, made possible in part by the availability of abundant, low-cost natural gas from shale. The mission will be to foster the expansion of domestic investments and innovations, growing America's \$800 billion chemical industry and expanding employment opportunities for building trades workers. The Committee will promote good jobs, safe workplaces and environmental responsibility.

"This is an exciting time for the U.S. chemical industry and the millions of Americans whose livelihoods are linked to its success. To achieve the industry's domestic expansion, we will need tens of thousands of well-trained, highly skilled construction workers to build and maintain new facilities and associated infrastructure," explained ACC President and CEO Cal Dooley. "We look forward to working through the Committee to promote the U.S. business of chemistry and increase high-value job opportunities for building trades workers and contractors in the months and years ahead."

"We are excited to be launching this new labor-management committee along with the ACC, as North America's Building Trades Unions seek to provide value to the industry – not only on the job site with the safest and most highly skilled workforce in the world, but also in the halls of congress, in state capitols and with federal and state regulators, to help elevate standards and foster growth in the industry that will only increase work opportunities for our members and contractors", said Sean McGarvey, President of NABTU. "This partnership, and the investments being made by both labor and management for the chemical industry, will help strengthen and maintain the middle class while also providing opportunities for those seeking to enter it."

The U.S. chemistry industry and a group of major labor unions have been meeting informally for years, creating a productive history that led to the creation of the CILMC.

The Committee will build on this existing foundation to make a greater impact for the shared good of both the business of chemistry and the hard-working men and women of the building trades.

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**North America's Building Trades Unions (NABTU)** is an alliance of 14 national and international unions in the building and construction industry that collectively represent over 3 million skilled craft professionals in the United States and Canada. Each year, our unions and our signatory contractor partners invest over \$1 billion in private sector money to fund and operate over 1,900 apprenticeship training and education facilities across North America that produce the safest, most highly trained and productive skilled craft workers found anywhere in the world.

**The American Chemistry Council (ACC)** represents the leading companies engaged in the business of chemistry. ACC members apply the science of chemistry to make innovative products and services that make people's lives better, healthier and safer. ACC is committed to improved environmental, health and safety performance through Responsible Care®, common sense advocacy designed to address major public policy issues, and health and environmental research and product testing. The business of chemistry is an \$801 billion enterprise and a key element of the nation's economy. It is the nation's largest exporter, accounting for fourteen percent of all U.S. exports. Chemistry companies are among the largest investors in research and development. Safety and security have always been primary concerns of ACC members, and they have intensified their efforts, working closely with government agencies to improve security and to defend against any threat to the nation's critical infrastructure.