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NEWS RELEASE

O.I. CORPORATION RECEIVES ORDER FOR UP TO \$2.5 MILLION FOR CHEMICAL-WARFARE-AGENT AIR-MONITORING EQUIPMENT

College Station, Texas, May 6, 2002 -- O.I. Corporation (NASDAQ Symbol: OICO) announced today that it has been awarded a blanket purchase order from an agency of the U.S. Government to supply chemical-warfare-agent air-monitoring systems for decontamination operations. The blanket purchase order provides for up to \$2,500,000 over a two-year period to include MINICAMS[®] air monitors and the CHROM-NET[™] networking and data acquisition system, supplies, and on-site support. The order requests that equipment, amounting to approximately \$591,000, be delivered in June of 2002.

William W. Botts, President, said:

"This order reaffirms our position as a leading supplier of complete air-monitoring systems, particularly for chemical-warfare-agent monitoring for demilitarization and decontamination efforts of the U.S. Government and its contractors. We believe the MINICAMS[®] product line will continue to gain market acceptance among customers seeking turnkey, reliable, and transportable air-monitoring solutions for toxic airborne compounds."

MINICAMS is a registered trademark of O.I. Corporation/CMS Field Products.

O.I. Corporation, d.b.a. OI Analytical, provides innovative products used for chemical analysis. The Company develops, manufactures, sells, and services analytical instrumentation that detects, measures, analyzes, and monitors chemicals in liquids, solids, and gases. The Company also provides products used to prepare complex chemical samples for analysis. The Company provides application-specific solutions for the environmental, defense, pharmaceutical, food, beverage, petrochemical, chemical, semiconductor, power generation, and HVAC industries. Headquartered in College Station, Texas, the Company's products are sold worldwide by direct sales, independent sales representatives, and distributors.

Statements in this release that are not strictly historical that address activities, events or developments that the Company expects, believes or anticipates will or may occur in the future, are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the U.S. securities laws. These statements are based on assumptions and analyses made by the Company in light of its experience and its perception of historical trends, current conditions, expected future developments and other factors it believes are appropriate in the circumstances. Such statements are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, as set forth in the Company's SEC filings. Investors are cautioned that any such statements are not guarantees of future performance and that actual results of developments may differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements.