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## **O. I. CORPORATION ANNOUNCES RESULTS FOR THIRD QUARTER 2005**

College Station, Texas, November 8, 2005 – O.I. Corporation (NASDAQ Symbol: OICO) today announced results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005.

### **For the Third Quarter Ended September 30, 2005**

Net revenues were \$7,239,000 for the third quarter ended September 30, 2005, compared to \$7,756,000 for the same period of the prior year. Net income was \$463,000, and diluted earnings per share were \$0.16, compared to \$351,000 and \$0.12, respectively, for the same period of the prior year.

### **For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2005**

Net revenues were \$21,963,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2005, compared to \$21,479,000 for the same period of the prior year. Year-to-date net income was \$1,525,000, and diluted earnings per share were \$0.53, compared to net income of \$1,296,000, and diluted earnings per share of \$0.45 for the same period of the prior year.

William W. Botts, president, said,

“We are disappointed with the lower revenues for the third quarter as compared to last year, but net income for the quarter was up compared to the prior year. Our results were achieved even though research and development (R&D) expenses increased 19% for the quarter to approximately 12% of net revenues.

We believe the continuing sales growth of our Eclipse Purge & Trap Sample Concentrator, which began shipping in the third quarter of 2003, is directly related to our increased investment to develop new and innovative products. The Eclipse concentrates trace impurities in water so that they may be detected and identified. The Aurora, a newly developed total organic carbon analyzer began shipping in the second quarter of 2005. The Discrete Automated Chemistry Analyzer, another new product, began shipping in the third quarter of 2005. Both new products are being well received by customers. These products perform important water quality measurements and serve a number of markets, including the analysis of ultra-pure water used in the pharmaceutical and semi-conductor industries, as well as the analysis of organic compounds in drinking water and wastewater, nutrients in surface water, and phenols and cyanide in industrial water.

A significant part of our R&D effort relates to the development of a potential new mass spectrometer product. According to published reports, the Mass Spectrometry market is forecast to exceed \$1.0 billion in 2005. Mass Spectrometry may be characterized as being complex technology. The markets served are dominated by large companies, new product development costs are typically in the millions of dollars, and time to market for new products is measured in years. Our strategy for entering this market has been and continues to be to license unique technology and develop a product to serve markets not served by large companies. We believe we are making progress in working with the licensed technology, but we know significant challenges remain and the associated risk. We are optimistic about the market potential for our mass spectrometer product vision, including applications to monitor air for toxic compounds posing hazardous chemical threats.

We will continue our strategy of focusing on the development and acquisition of products that detect, monitor, and identify toxic chemical compounds to protect the air we breathe, and water we drink.”

### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

	Three Months Ended September 30		Nine Months Ended September 30	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
Net revenues	\$7,239,000	\$7,756,000	\$21,963,000	\$21,479,000
Income before provision for income taxes	622,000	397,000	2,133,000	1,824,000
Provision for income taxes	159,000	46,000	608,000	528,000
Net income	463,000	351,000	1,525,000	1,296,000
Weighted average shares, basic	2,844,000	2,793,000	2,822,000	2,780,000
Basic earnings per share	\$0.16	\$0.13	\$0.54	\$0.47
Weighted average shares, diluted	2,924,000	2,872,000	2,904,000	2,859,000
Diluted earnings per share	\$0.16	\$0.12	\$0.53	\$0.45

O.I. Corporation provides innovative products for chemical analysis. The Company’s products perform sample preparation, detection, analysis, measurement, and monitoring applications in food, beverage, pharmaceutical, semiconductor, power generation, chemical, petrochemical, and defense industries. Headquartered in College Station, Texas, the Company's products are sold worldwide by a direct sales force, independent sales representatives, and distributors.

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