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NEWS RELEASE

O.I. CORPORATION RECEIVES ORDER FOR MINICAMS PRODUCT AMOUNTING TO \$4.1 MILLION

College Station, Texas, May 9, 2000 -- O.I. Corporation announced today that its subsidiary, CMS Field Products Group, has received an agreement amounting to approximately \$4.1 million with Bechtel National, Inc., who is under contract with the U.S. Department of Defense (Army), to supply its MINICAMS chemical agent monitoring equipment. The equipment will be used by the U.S. Army to monitor chemical agent destruction to be done at the Aberdeen Chemical Agent Disposal Facility, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD. Work will begin immediately, and shipments are expected to be completed by March 2001.

William W. Botts, president said,

“This order affirms our position as a premier supplier of air monitoring system solutions for the chemical agent industry. We believe the MINICAMS product will continue to gain market acceptance among customers seeking turnkey, reliable, and transportable air monitoring solutions. Under the U.S. Army Chemical Demilitarization Program, up to seven chemical agent destruction facilities may be constructed.”

MINICAMS® is a registered trademark of O.I. Corporation.

O.I. Corporation is an emerging company that provides products for chemical analysis in solids, liquids, and gases. The Company's products are used in environmental analysis and by the pharmaceutical, chemical, petrochemical, semiconductor, power generation, food, beverage, 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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