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NEWS RELEASE

OEM Agreement Expected Upon Expiration of VAR Agreement

College Station, Texas, September 15, 2000 -- O.I. Corporation announced today that the Company was notified by Agilent Technologies Inc (Agilent) that the Value Added Reseller Agreement (VAR) between the Company and Agilent will not be renewed upon its expiration on November 30, 2000. Agilent has offered to sell analytical instruments to the Company under an original equipment supply (OEM) agreement.

Under the terms of the expiring VAR agreement with Agilent, the Company purchases analytical instruments, including gas chromatographs (GC's) and mass spectrometers (MS's), integrates them with Company-manufactured components, and markets these analytical systems for environmental analysis to comply with US EPA 500, 600, and 8000 Series Methods, and for other chemical analyses. In addition, the Company sells GC components for a variety of other applications as stand-alone products that are added to existing GC and GC/MS systems. The Company has been a VAR for Agilent (formerly Hewlett Packard) since June 1988, and the Agreement has been subject to renewal annually.

Company sales under the VAR, which include both Agilent and Company components, are estimated to be approximately 22% of total company sales for the six months ending June 30, 2000, and 19% of total Company sales for the full year of 1999. The reason cited by Agilent for not renewing the VAR was "...the increasing competitive nature of your products versus ours..." The VAR agreement provides for sales and marketing cooperation; however, due to the Company broadening its product line, this cooperation has been increasingly difficult in recent years. The Company believes it will be competing more directly with Agilent under an OEM agreement, which provides for no marketing cooperation.

No assurances can be made that previous levels of sales will be sustained in the future due to the Company operating under an OEM rather than a VAR agreement, the mature nature and flat growth of the markets served by the Company's GC products, changes in market structure of suppliers to the environmental testing market, and continuing consolidation of US environmental testing laboratories.

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.

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.