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DROGAS VIGO S.L. WINS ESIG PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP AWARD

Brussels, 30 October 2007 - ESIG is delighted to announce that the winner of its 6th Product Stewardship Award is Drogas Vigo S.L., a Spanish company. The Award was presented to Drogas Vigo at Cefic's Responsible Care Conference on 26 October in Paris.

The ESIG Product Stewardship Award recognises companies that achieve significant health, safety and environmental improvements in the handling, storage, use or transportation of solvents. First created in 1999, it is designed to promote best practice and help foster an ethos of continuous improvement in the responsible use of solvents.

The Award winner was selected by an independent jury comprising senior representatives from the European Commission, European Parliament, media and trade associations. The jury was impressed by the innovative approach of Drogas Vigo's product stewardship strategy.

This strategy included the use of cryogenic technology to reduce Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) emissions, improved storage facilities to prevent environmental leakages, customer site appraisals and the hosting of seminars on the explosion and fire risk from static electricity.

John Greenhough, Head of ESIG's Product Stewardship Group, said: "I am delighted that Drogas Vigo has won the 6th ESIG Product Stewardship Award. Over the last six years, they have put tremendous efforts into the implementation of their product stewardship strategy. It is an outstanding example of best practice in the sustainable distribution of solvents."

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Established in 1996, the European Solvents Industry Group (ESIG) represents Europe's major solvents manufacturers including companies such as BASF, Dow Chemical, ExxonMobil Chemical Europe, Ineos, Lyondell, Shell Chemicals and Total.

ESIG's primary mission is to support the sustainable and responsible use of solvents through dialogue, information-sharing and solutions that address health, safety and environmental issues. ESIG believes that solvents are simply essential to everyday life and has spent over a decade demonstrating how people benefit from their unique properties.

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