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Methanol Institute Safe Handling Video Reaches Global Distribution Chain

(Arlington, VA, April 28, 2010) The Methanol Institute (MI) has produced a video titled “Methanol Safe Handling: A User’s Guide” that is now available worldwide in multiple languages. The safe handling video highlights key safety procedures to help ensure that methanol is properly transported across the global distribution chain. To reach this broad international market, the video is now available in English, Arabic, Chinese, Japanese and Spanish. The video is accessible to everyone who comes into contact with methanol, from research engineers to race car drivers, and from tank truck drivers to chemical plant operators. The video is also a valuable resource for emergency first responders looking for information on the physical properties of methanol and incident management.

The video can be previewed on the Methanol Institute website at www.methanol.org, as well as online on MI’s YouTube page at www.youtube.com/user/MethanolInstitute. DVD copies of the video may be requested from the Methanol Institute website. The DVD also includes document files for the MI’s Methanol Safe Handling Manual and Crisis Communication Guidebook, both available in multiple languages.

Methanol is an essential chemical commodity that is used in hundreds of products that touch our daily lives. As an emerging energy fuel, China consumed as much as 1.5 billion gallons of methanol last year in cars, trucks and buses. On a global basis, methanol demand reached over 42 million metric tons in 2009, or 14 billion gallons. More than one-half of all methanol produced is shipped on the world’s oceans.

The Methanol Institute serves as the trade association for the global methanol industry.