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### **ASH STEVENS, INC. RECEIVES SILVER AWARDS FOR EHS&S COMPLIANCE AND PRACTICES AT SOCMA'S 2009 88TH ANNUAL DINNER IN NEW YORK CITY**

**Riverview, Mich.—December 7, 2009**—Ash Stevens, Inc. was honored for their outstanding commitment to performance improvement in Environmental, Health, Safety & Security (EHS&S) practices by the Society of Chemical Manufacturers & Affiliates' (SOCMA) at the Society's annual dinner in New York City on the evening of December 7, 2009.

Ash Stevens received two Silver Awards for its commitment to performance improvements in EHS&S Planning and Operations as well as Employee Training and Engagement, two of the five core principles of SOCMA's ChemStewards® program. The 2009 SOCMA Awards captures EHS&S activities during calendar 2008.

The awards are based on an individual facility's achievements towards meeting and exceeding one of the core principles of the ChemStewards® program. The ChemStewards® program sponsored by SOCMA ensures compliance and continuous improvement in the area of EHS&S performance focusing on five core principles: Stakeholder Communications, Product Stewardship, EHS&S Planning and Operations, Employee Training and Engagement and Resource Management and Waste Minimization.

SOCMA's ChemStewards® program was launched in 2005 and is uniquely designed to meet the specific needs for continuous improvement in EHS&S performance for the batch, custom, and specialty chemical industry.

Dr. Stephen A. Munk CEO and President of Ash Stevens, Inc. said, "We are both delighted and honored to receive these prestigious awards that recognize our commitment to sound EHS&S policies and practices."

"Ash Stevens was certified compliant by the ChemStewards® program in July of 2007 and was one of the earliest contract pharmaceutical manufacturers to be certified by this program. In a rapidly changing regulatory environment, these awards reflect Ash Stevens' ongoing engagement with sound administration and forward-looking practices in EHS&S compliance. We take our commitment to EHS&S at Ash Stevens very seriously because peoples' lives, livelihoods and investments depend upon that commitment," said Dr. Munk.

"Ash Stevens is at the top of their field and we commend them on their Silver Awards," said SOCMA President Joe Acker. "They are a great example of a small company that is doing an exemplary job on their environmental, health, safety and security program. Their hard work is a testament to their commitment to constant improvement and to contributing to the quality of life in their community."

**About Ash Stevens, Inc.**

Founded in 1962 in Detroit, Ash Stevens, Inc. (ASI) is an established contract pharmaceutical manufacturer that offers comprehensive small-molecule drug development and cGMP manufacturing services. ASI has a long and successful track record of developing and manufacturing APIs (Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients) for clients in the Life Science industry that includes 11 FDA approvals for innovator APIs (NCEs). ASI has an excellent regulatory inspection record that includes international inspections by Ministries of Health from Korea, Japan, Australia and the European Union (QP) in addition to the US FDA. ASI supports all facets of chemistry and manufacturing controls (CMC) related to the development of small-molecule APIs from early-stage development through commercial API manufacturing. Services offered by Ash Stevens include: process development and scale-up, cGMP manufacturing, the development and cGMP manufacture of highly potent APIs using barrier-isolation technology, comprehensive analytical capabilities (including method development, stability studies and qualification of reference standards) and regulatory support for all phases of drug development and manufacturing. With over 45 years of experience, Ash Stevens has a reputation for providing the highest quality of service to its clients and for delivering on time and on budget. For more information, visit [www.ashstevens.com](http://www.ashstevens.com).

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