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## Members and Directors of The Sulphur Institute Name New Management Team at Annual Meeting

MADRID, SPAIN, April 7, 2009 — The Sulphur Institute (TSI) held its Annual Meeting of the Members and Directors last week in Madrid, Spain. A record number were in attendance with the Institute coupling the Annual Meeting with its popular *Sulphur World Symposium*.

"In recent years, TSI has instituted a series of metrics to demonstrate value to its members—and this year members and staff identified a variety of direct and intangible benefits estimated at US\$500,000 per member," reported Catherine Randazzo, president and CEO. The Institute has a lot to offer all in the sulphur or related industries and is well-equipped to demonstrate this value, not only to its members, but prospective members," added Randazzo. "With today's business environment, industry representation in tackling challenges of benefit to all, are more important then ever," continued Randazzo.

The membership elected, Egbert Veldman, vice president, Shell Sulphur Solutions, as its new chair. "Members benefit well from TSI serving as an industry voice," stated Veldman, citing the Transportation, Regulations and Logistics as well as the Environment, Health and Safety programs of the Institute. Hermann Wittje, director of sulphur, the Mosaic Company, was elected as vice chair, becoming the first from the consuming-side of the sulphur industry to serve as vice chair. "The Sulphur Institute continues to evolve to address the changes of its diverse membership. The Sulphur Advocacy program has shown significant advances assisting the industry worldwide as well as agricultural producers in China and India," referenced Wittje. "For another year, TSI programs continue to increase value to TSI members," remarked Wittje. Both Veldman and Wittje encouraged those in the industry to visit TSI's website, <a href="https://www.sulphurinstitute.org">www.sulphurinstitute.org</a>, to learn more about the association's programs and their value.

Founded in 1960, TSI is committed to representing all stakeholders actively engaged in producing, buying, selling, handling, transporting, or adding value to sulphur. Member companies are based in Asia, Europe, the Middle East and North America. For more information about TSI membership, contact Chris deBrey, The Sulphur Institute, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 612, Washington, DC 20036, USA. Telephone: +1 202 331 9660; facsimile: +1 202 293 2940; E-mail: <a href="mailto:CdeBrey@sulphurinstitute.org.">CdeBrey@sulphurinstitute.org.</a>

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Important Style Note to Editors:

Sulfur is the preferred spelling in the United States, but the formal name of The Sulphur Institute is spelled with a "ph."