Owens Corning Provides Business Update on COVID-19 Response

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TOLEDO, Ohio--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Owens Corning (NYSE: OC) announced today additional information regarding the current status of the company’s operations and financial strength in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“The health and safety of our employees, their families, and all of our stakeholders remains our top priority as we work together to provide essential products to our customers,” said Chief Executive Officer Brian Chambers. “In the face of rapidly changing market conditions, we will continue to adjust our operations to meet near-term demand shifts while ensuring we are positioned for long-term success.”

Commitment to Safety is Unconditional

To assure the safety and well-being of its employees, the company has implemented several enhanced operating protocols, including robust cleaning procedures, use of personal protective equipment, social distancing, employee health screenings, restrictions on business travel, and work from home requirements at all of its locations consistent with the guidance of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, World Health Organization, and local state and government mandates. In addition, the company has enhanced sick leave and other healthcare benefits for employees to provide additional assistance.

Owens Corning Operations are Essential

Owens Corning’s operations and products have been deemed essential across the United States and other global locations. The company manufactures products necessary to help protect, repair, and maintain the safety of homes and other critical commercial and industrial structures. In addition, the company’s materials are integral to the continuity of other essential businesses in areas such as infrastructure, energy, transportation, and construction. In certain countries, however, sites have been temporarily impacted by government directives.

Company Taking Actions to Balance Production with Reduced Demand

The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in a slowing near-term demand environment in several global markets. As a result, the company is proactively balancing production across its network and will temporarily curtail operations at facilities with adequate inventory to meet near-term demand. The company will continue to evaluate the demand environment and respond accordingly to the markets it serves.

Liquidity and Financial Flexibility Remain Strong

Owens Corning has a strong balance sheet, access to liquidity, and a well-structured debt maturity profile. The company currently has more than $850 million of available liquidity, inclusive of over $200 million in cash. During the first quarter of 2020, the company borrowed $400 million on its existing revolving credit facility for normal seasonal working capital needs and to strengthen its cash position. Given the uncertain market environment, Owens Corning is focused on reducing or postponing non-critical expenses including capital investments. The company’s only near-term debt maturity is the remaining $150 million from its term loan due in March 2021.

Information to be Provided During First-Quarter Earnings Call

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Owens Corning’s performance will depend on the depth and duration of the crisis. The company will provide a further update on its performance and actions during its first-quarter 2020 earnings call on April 29, 2020. Additional details on the first-quarter earnings call will be communicated in a subsequent news release.

About Owens Corning

Owens Corning is a global building and industrial materials leader. The company’s three integrated businesses are dedicated to the manufacture and advancement of a broad range of insulation, roofing and fiberglass composite materials. Leveraging the talents of 19,000 employees in 33 countries, Owens Corning provides innovative products, manufacturing technologies, and sustainable solutions that address energy efficiency, product safety, renewable energy, durable infrastructure, and labor productivity. These solutions provide a material difference to the company’s customers and make the world a better place. Based in Toledo, Ohio, USA, the company posted 2019 sales of $7.2 billion. Founded in 1938, it has been a Fortune 500® company for 65 consecutive years. For more information, please visit www.owenscorning.com [3].

Forward-Looking Statements
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