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## **ETHISPHERE NAMES MILLIKEN & COMPANY TO WORLD'S MOST ETHICAL COMPANIES LIST FOR SEVENTH STRAIGHT TIME**

**SPARTANBURG, SC** - Milliken & Company is pleased to announce that it has been named to the 2013 World's Most Ethical Companies list by the Ethisphere Institute. This marks the seventh consecutive year Milliken has been recognized, every year since the list has been published.

The World's Most Ethical (WME) Companies ranking is a recognition that highlights companies that outperform industry peers when it comes to ethical behavior. A record number of nominations and applications this year is evidence of both the World's Most Ethical Companies' growing recognition by various stakeholder groups and companies' desire to be recognized for their integrity standards and ethical cultures. The 2013 list is the largest list since the award's inception in 2007.

"This honor is one of the most highly prized for Milliken and our associates," said Joe Salley, CEO of Milliken. "It enables us to continue to celebrate what we as a company have known for nearly 150 years; that acting ethically and with integrity is not only the right thing to do, it is the foundation of our success."

"Not only did more companies apply for the World's Most Ethical Companies recognition this year than any year in the past, which demonstrates that ethical activity is an important part of many of these companies' business models, but we are also seeing more companies be proactive and create new initiatives that expand ethics programs and cultures across entire industries, such as industry-based ethics associations and other activities," said Alex Brigham, Executive Director of Ethisphere. "We are excited to see the 2013 World's Most Ethical Companies take these leadership positions, and embrace the correlation between ethical behavior and improved financial performance."

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Through in-depth research and a multi-step analysis, Ethisphere reviewed nominations from companies in more than 100 countries and 36 industries. The methodology for the World's Most Ethical Companies includes reviewing codes of ethics, litigation and regulatory infraction histories; evaluating the investment in innovation and sustainable business practices; looking at activities designed to improve corporate citizenship; and studying nominations from senior executives, industry peers, suppliers and customers.

Read about the methodology and view the complete list of the 2013 World's Most Ethical Companies at <http://ethisphere.com/wme>. The World's Most Ethical Companies list will also be featured in the 2013 Quarter 1 issue of *Ethisphere Magazine*.

#### **About Milliken**

Milliken is an innovation company that has been exploring, discovering, and creating ways to enhance people's lives since 1865. Our community of innovators has developed one of the largest collections of patents held by a private company. With expertise across a breadth of disciplines including specialty chemical, floor covering, and performance materials, we work around the world every day to add true value to people's lives, improve health and safety, and make this world more sustainable. For more information, visit [www.milliken.com](http://www.milliken.com).

#### **About Ethisphere Institute**

The research-based Ethisphere® Institute is a leading international think-tank dedicated to the creation, advancement and sharing of best practices in business ethics, corporate social responsibility, anti-corruption and sustainability. Ethisphere Magazine, which publishes the globally recognized World's Most Ethical Companies Ranking™, is the quarterly publication of the Institute. Ethisphere provides the only third-party verifications of compliance programs and ethical cultures that include: Ethics Inside® Certification, Compliance Leader Verification™ and Anti-Corruption Program Verification. More information on the Ethisphere Institute, including ranking projects and membership, can be found at <http://www.ethisphere.com>.

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