

PRESS RELEASE

EMILCOTT AWARDED USTDA PROJECT FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY AUDITS IN BRAZIL – PROJECT NEARING COMPLETION

*International Health and Safety Audits conducted for Braskem, Inc.,
a US\$ 9 billion Brazilian Petrochemical Company*

Chatham, NJ: July, 2008 – Braskem Inc., a Brazilian Petrochemical company, had selected Emilcott Associates, Inc. to conduct comprehensive safety and health (occupational hygiene) audits at all 13 of their Brazilian locations. This project began in April 2007 and was conducted under a grant to Braskem from the US Trade and Development Agency (USTDA). The Emilcott team, during this year long month project, evaluated Braskem's current occupational health and occupational medicine programs, policies and procedures, measured their performance according to the best of world standards and practices, and is preparing to make their final presentation this month in Brazil.

"Braskem is recognized as being a world class petrochemical company", says Manoel Carnaúba Cortez, Braskem Vice President of the Basic Petrochemical Division; "We also want to be recognized as a world leader in Environmental, Safety and Occupational health (ES&H) performance."

Bruce Groves, President of Emilcott, states: "This is a great opportunity for a Brazilian company to not just be the ES&H leader in Brazil, but to also take the next step to compare with companies who are considered the best ES&H performers in the world. We are very pleased to have been selected to work with Braskem in helping them meet these goals".

Company Overview

Emilcott was founded in 1986 as a specialized industrial hygiene, safety and environmental consulting and training firm with headquarters located in the metropolitan New York City area. (Chatham, NJ). Emilcott has provided consulting and training services to the pharmaceutical, specialty chemical, petrochemical, utility, transportation and general manufacturing industries for over 20 years. Project experience includes: conducting industrial hygiene assessments and exposure monitoring services, environmental, health and safety audits, emergency response and hazardous waste operations management and all areas of environmental, health and safety program development, implementation and employee training.