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OSI Reaches Key Energy Savings Milestone in North America

Aurora, IL, USA, February 15, 2017 – OSI’s Americas Zone has reached a significant milestone in its Energy Reduction Initiative – 20.0 Million kWh saved since the project’s inception in June 2013.

Cascade Energy, OSI’s energy efficiency consultant and partner, acknowledged the OSI team with a plaque commemorating this significant accomplishment.

The program began in the summer of 2013, when Rob Travis from Cascade Energy first began working with the OSI Oakland (Iowa) facility to teach the team how to be more efficient users of energy, especially with regards to the plant’s refrigeration systems. By February 2016, OSI Oakland had saved 10 million kWh, for which they also received a plaque.

Over the next 3.5 years, four more facilities followed that example: OSI Chicago-Racine, OSI West Chicago and OSI Geneva in Illinois, and OSI West Jordan in Utah. As a result of those efforts, the company has saved a combined total of 20 Million kWh as of December 2016.

To put this in perspective, 20 million kWh is equivalent to 1,850 homes' electricity use for one full year and the reduction of this much energy use prevents the release of 14,056 metric tonnes of carbon emissions (greenhouse gasses) into the air, which is like keeping 2,969 passenger cars off the roads for a full twelve months.

We expect to have at least two more facilities join the Energy Reduction Initiative program in 2017, OSI Chicago-Ashland and OSI Fort Atkinson (Wisconsin). The plan will be implemented in other facilities as well, so the next savings milestone should not be far behind.



About OSI

For more than 60 years, OSI Group, LLC has been a global leader in supplying value-added protein items and other food products to leading foodservice and retail brands. It is a privately held corporation with more than 65 facilities in 17 countries. The company’s global headquarters is located outside of Chicago in Aurora, Illinois, USA.