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COLD WEATHER WON'T STOP WINDOWS FROM BEING CLEANED IN CHICAGO'S HIGH-RISE BUILDINGS THIS SEASON

CHICAGO, IL – January 18, 2007 – Window Washers are about to face freezing temperatures in January's frigid weather. As most outdoor work is put on hold for the winter season – Window Washers from Corporate Cleaning Services are still facing the cold to make the view from above clean and clear for all residents and visitors to enjoy. The window washer's big secret for washing windows in freezing Chicago temperatures is **methanol**, also known as methyl alcohol.

When temperatures drop below the point of freezing, 32 degrees Fahrenheit, methanol needs to be added to the soapy water mixture in order for the water not to freeze on the windows. Window Washers can work in temperatures down to 0 degrees Fahrenheit while using a higher concentration of methanol to the soapy water mixture.

“Methanol provides an excellent method of lowering the freeze point of water-based cleaning solutions. Not only does it keep it from freezing, but methanol also cleans, degreases, and helps provide a streak-free finish. Relatively small amounts are needed to provide the desired improvements in performance,” said Jeffrey Julis, Technical Director at EMCO Chemical Distributors, Inc.

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“I have friends who work in construction and their work typically stops when it gets too cold,” said Javier Alvarado, a window washer from Corporate Cleaning Services. “I guess we take it for granted, but the alcohol keeps the water from freezing. We have to layer up with warm clothing to keep us from freezing.”

Phil Kujawa, a supervisor at Corporate Cleaning Services said, “Residents who live along Lake Michigan and in the downtown area pay a lot of money for their view of the city and it’s our job to make sure that they always have a clear view.”

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Background information on Corporate Cleaning Services:

Corporate Cleaning Services is a privately held corporation headquartered in the City of Chicago. Founder and Owner, Neal Zucker, is a leader in Chicago’s philanthropic community and he sits as a member of several Boards.

Corporate Cleaning Services was established twelve years ago, they have grown to provide window-washing service for many high-profile, high-rise residential and commercial buildings (e.g. Hancock, Water Tower and Merchandise Mart) and have established a reputation in the real estate industry as one of Chicago area’s leading window washing companies. According to Union Local #1 SEIU, Corporate Cleaning Services has the largest window washing staff in the Chicagoland area.

With a portfolio of over 750 clients, Corporate Cleaning Services is the largest window washing firm in the Chicagoland area.

Background information on Jeffrey Julis:

Jeffrey has a Masters in Chemistry from the University of Michigan. He has 30 years of experience working with various chemicals, including extensive work with Methanol.

(Photo opportunities of Window Washers doing their job are available Monday through Friday upon request.)