

## **NEWS RELEASE**

## Valvoline Launches Engine Oil Approved for Use in Natural Gas, Diesel and Gas Heavy Duty Engines

Premium Blue One Solution™ 9200 is a unique engine oil delivering on the company's longstanding commitment to meet changing industry and engine technology needs

LEXINGTON, Ky., March 7, 2018 – Valvoline Inc. (NYSE: VVV) – a leading worldwide supplier of premium branded lubricants and automotive services – today introduced Valvoline™ Premium Blue One Solution™ 9200, an engine oil approved for use in natural gas, API CK-4 application diesel and API SN application gas fleet engines.

"The purpose of Premium Blue One Solution is to dramatically simplify the fill process for fleet managers, enabling one proven product to be used across a number of engine applications," said David Young, vice president of Valvoline Heavy Duty. "We've taken our innovation to the next step in terms of natural gas engine oil, bringing a new brand product to the marketplace."

The new Premium Blue One Solution was officially unveiled today at a press conference during the TMC Annual Meeting and Transportation Technology Exhibition in Atlanta, Georgia.

"In our 150-plus years, we have consistently focused on innovation to develop better products and solve the business challenges of our customers," said Heidi Matheys, Valvoline chief marketing officer. "With One Solution, we are pleased to introduce another unique product to the industry."

Valvoline Premium Blue One Solution was initially developed as part of Valvoline's close relationship with Cummins Westport (CWI), which has introduced a new series of low-emission engines. Through that partnership, Valvoline created an engine oil that is the recommended product for those Cummins engines — and can also be used in engines from other manufacturers.

"Our customers have been very clear that a high-performance engine oil compatible with both mobile natural gas and diesel engines would be a critical benefit to their bottom line. Valvoline Premium Blue One Solution meets that need," said Yemane Gessesse, CWI director of engineering. "From a technology standpoint, this a huge advancement in the engine oil industry."

"While there were previously oils in the marketplace that could be used in diesel and gas engines, there was not one approved across *all* fuel types – until now," Young added.

"With this product, manufacturers across multiple engine types can be confident in the selection of Premium Blue One Solution to elevate performance and extend protection."

An engineering innovation, Valvoline Premium Blue One Solution is formulated with:

- Excellent high temperature oxidation resistance and TBN retention to support long oil life
- Outstanding wear protection
- Superior deposit protection compared to industry requirements

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## **About Valvoline**

Valvoline Inc. (NYSE: VVV) is a leading worldwide marketer and supplier of premium branded lubricants and automotive services, with sales in more than 140 countries. Established in 1866, Valvoline's heritage spans over 150 years, during which it has developed powerful brand recognition across multiple product and service channels. The highly trusted brand ranks as the No. 3 passenger car motor oil brand in the DIY market by volume and the No. 2 quick-lube chain by number of stores in the United States. The company operates and franchises more than 1,100 Valvoline Instant Oil Change<sup>™</sup> centers in the United States. It also markets Valvoline lubricants and automotive chemicals, including the new Valvoline<sup>™</sup> Modern Engine Full Synthetic Motor Oil, which is specifically engineered to protect against carbon build-up in Gasoline Direct Injection (GDI), turbo and other engines manufactured since 2012; Valvoline High Mileage with MaxLife technology motor oil for engines over 75,000 miles; Valvoline Synthetic motor oil; and Zerex<sup>™</sup> antifreeze. To learn more, visit www.valvoline.com.

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