



## **Airgas Names Chuck Broadus President of Airgas South**

**RADNOR, PA - August 19, 2011** - Airgas, Inc. (NYSE: ARG) today announced that Chuck Broadus has been named president of Airgas South, reporting to Mike Rohde, South Division president. Broadus succeeds Jay Sullivan, who was recently appointed as South Division Vice President and Chief Financial Officer.

Broadus' career spans more than 15 years in various roles within the industry. As president of Airgas South, one of 12 regional companies that make up Airgas' distribution business, Broadus now leads a region with more than 1,400 employees working in more than 110 locations. Headquartered in Kennesaw, GA, Airgas South - part of the newly aligned South Division - serves customers in Georgia, Florida, Alabama, eastern Mississippi and southern Tennessee. Airgas South completed a full SAP implementation in April.

"Chuck brings a wealth of business leadership and a deep knowledge of our company, customers and products to this position," said Rohde. "He is ready to contribute immediately as Airgas South progresses through SAP implementation and will play a key role in continued success for the region."

Broadus became president of Airgas Refrigerants in July 2008, after serving as president of Airgas Specialty Products and vice president of sales and marketing for Airgas West. Prior to joining Airgas in 2003, he served for three years as marketing director for Reliant Energy, Inc. in Houston, seven years with BOC Gases in various roles and five years in the U.S. Army as an infantry officer. Broadus earned his bachelor of science in engineering from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and a MBA from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN. He will continue to be based in Suwanee, GA.

### **About Airgas, Inc.**

Airgas, Inc. (NYSE: ARG), through its subsidiaries, is the largest U.S. distributor of industrial, medical and specialty gases, and hardgoods, such as welding equipment and supplies. Airgas is also one of the largest U.S. distributors of safety products, the largest U.S. producer of nitrous oxide and dry ice, the largest liquid carbon dioxide producer in the Southeast, and a leading distributor of process chemicals, refrigerants, and ammonia products. More than 14,000 employees work in approximately 1,100 locations, including branches, retail stores, gas fill plants, specialty gas labs, production facilities and distribution centers. Airgas also distributes its products and services through eBusiness, catalog and telesales channels. Its national scale and strong local presence offer a competitive edge to its diversified customer base. For more information, please visit [www.airgas.com](http://www.airgas.com).

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