



Airgas Names Bob Bradshaw President of Airgas Mid South

RADNOR, PA - August 25, 2011 - Airgas, Inc. (NYSE: ARG) today announced that Bob Bradshaw has been named president of Airgas Mid South, reporting to Terry Lodge, Central Division president. Bradshaw succeeds Lodge, who had served as Mid South president since 2007.

As president of Airgas Mid South, one of 12 regional companies that make up Airgas' distribution business, Bradshaw now leads a region with more than 875 employees working in more than 70 locations. Headquartered in Tulsa, OK, Airgas Mid South - part of the newly aligned Central Division - serves customers in Oklahoma, Kansas, north Texas, Missouri, north Louisiana, western Tennessee and northwest Mississippi.

"Bob's history of performing in a wide variety of positions in our industry has prepared him well for this very important role," Lodge said. "He is a strong addition to the Mid-South team and his leadership will facilitate the region's continued success."

Bradshaw has served as the area vice president for the South Central Texas area of Airgas Southwest since 2005. He joined Airgas in 1993 as an account manager through the acquisition of The Jimmie Jones Company. Shortly thereafter, he served as sales manager for the Oklahoma City area and then as general manager before being named Vice President of Sales for Trinity Airgas in Dallas, TX in 1997. From 2000 to 2005, he served as vice president for Airgas Southwest in multiple sales capacities. Prior to joining Airgas, Bradshaw served in various roles for Jimmie Jones and Presto Welding Supplies. He plans to relocate to Tulsa, OK with his family.

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.

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