



Airgas Breaks Ground on Store and Medical Gas Fill Plant in Roseville, MN

State-of-the-art facility will employ 35 staff and offer full distribution and retail services

RADNOR, PA and ROSEVILLE, MN - June 7, 2011 -- Airgas, Inc. (NYSE: ARG) today announced plans to construct a state-of-the-art facility in Roseville, MN to meet the fast-growing demand for cylinder gases and related products in the Minneapolis/St. Paul metro region. The company celebrated with staff, local officials, and contractors at a formal groundbreaking ceremony this morning on the new grounds. Airgas is the largest U.S. distributor of industrial, medical, and specialty gases, and related hardgoods, such as welding equipment and safety products. The facility will be owned and operated by Airgas North Central, one of 12 regional companies that make up Airgas' distribution business.

"Our new Roseville facility will allow Airgas to provide a highly efficient, local platform for sales and distribution in the Twin Cities metropolitan area," said Don Speight, Vice President - Northern Division, Airgas North Central. "The facility demonstrates our confidence and commitment to the future growth of the metro area economy and adds a new dimension to our capabilities and existing operations in nearby Savage, MN, Ramsey, MN and Hudson, WI."

When complete, the 18,000 square foot facility on 6 acres will employ approximately 35 staff and incorporate a medical filling plant combined with full branch operations and distribution services. The facility will also include a retail store stocked with welding equipment and safety products, in addition to the company's offering of industrial, medical, and specialty gases.

The plant will fill cylinders with medical grade oxygen, nitrogen, CO₂, and nitrous oxide, and the operations will serve a diverse customer base including universities, research and development, electronics, medical gases and equipment, metal fabrication, construction and the HVAC industries.

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.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains statements that are forward looking. Forward-looking statements include the statements identified as forward-looking in the Company's most recent press release announcing its quarterly earnings, as well as any statement that is not based on historical fact, including statements containing the words "believes," "may," "plans," "will," "could," "should," "estimates," "continues," "anticipates," "intends," "expects" and similar expressions. All forward-looking statements are based on current expectations regarding important risk factors and should not be regarded as a representation by us or any other person that the results expressed therein will be achieved. Airgas assumes no obligation to revise or update any forward-looking statements for any reason, except as required by law. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statement include the factors identified in the Company's most recent press release announcing its quarterly earnings, as well as other factors described in the Company's reports, including its March 31, 2011 Form 10-K, subsequent forms 10-Q, and other forms filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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