



Airgas to Demonstrate StatusChecker at PITTCON 2011

Remote monitoring system for laboratories reports data related to laboratory gas and cryogenic liquid supply

RADNOR, PA - March 14, 2011 - Airgas, Inc. (NYSE: ARG) will demonstrate its new StatusChecker™ remote monitoring system for analytical and life science laboratories at the Pittsburgh Conference on Analytical Chemistry and Applied Spectroscopy (PITTCON), March 14 through March 18, 2011 at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta Ga. Airgas StatusChecker uses contact points to monitor for pressure, weight, and whether doors, such as freezer doors, are opened or closed. The system reports data using e-mail notifications and provides visible and audible alarms within the laboratory.

"StatusChecker monitors and reports if the pressure in any gas cylinder falls below its reorder pressure. It can even reorder the gas, if you like," said Frank Kandl, product manager of specialty gas equipment at Airgas. "StatusChecker can be configured to automatically monitor gas pressure in a high-pressure cylinder and notify you when you need to reorder or change the cylinder. The system can be programmed to send an e-mail alert if, for example, a freezer door remains open for a set period of time. All notifications are date stamped and can be sent to as many as 10 e-mail accounts."

StatusChecker is designed to work with a customer's PC and does not require a server, reader or other device that adds to the cost of the system. One StatusChecker system can monitor up to eight cylinders or contacts. Customers have the option of adding a status bar on their computer screen so they have a constant visual display of the system's status. Because StatusChecker is PC based and accessible through an existing network, customers can remotely monitor the status of the monitored devices.

"When you think about labor costs, plus downtime and lost efficiencies when you run out of gas, it is clear that StatusChecker is an extremely cost-effective solution," Kandl added.

For more information and to see a demonstration of StatusChecker sending a notification to your cell phone, pager, or similar device, visit the Airgas exhibit (number 1627) during PITTCON in Atlanta, March 14 - 18. Information on StatusChecker can also be obtained at www.airgasSGcatalog.com or by calling 800-939-5711, ext. 110. Registered PITTCON attendees who visit the Airgas exhibit will be entered in a drawing for an Apple® iPad.

About Airgas, Inc.

Based in Radnor, Pennsylvania, 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, the fifth largest producer of atmospheric merchant gases in North America, 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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