



Airgas Partners with Wholesale Fuels, Inc. to Distribute AiRx Diesel Exhaust Fluid in Southern California

AiRx Helps to Reduce Harmful Diesel Exhaust Pollutants

RADNOR, PA - March 8, 2011 - Airgas, Inc. (NYSE: ARG) today announced it is partnering with Wholesale Fuels, Inc., Bakersfield, CA, for Wholesale Fuels to distribute Airgas AiRx™ Diesel Exhaust Fluid (DEF) in southern California. Wholesale Fuels has been supplying the San Joaquin Valley with petroleum fuels and lubricants for more than 25 years. Airgas AiRx DEF is certified by the American Petroleum Institute (API) and is used in diesel engines with Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) technology to reduce harmful diesel exhaust pollutants and comply with EPA clean air regulations.

"Airgas and Wholesale Fuels share the goal of delivering real value to customers with the best products and the best service at a fair price," said Charles McCan, President, Wholesale Fuels. "Airgas AiRx is a good fit with the products we offer our trucking and farming customers running EPA 2010-compliant diesel engines with SCR."

"Our relationship with Wholesale Fuels allows us to effectively and efficiently penetrate the southern California market," said Jeff Lewis, Business Manager for Airgas Specialty Products, the Airgas business that markets AiRx. "We are proud and excited about the growth prospects for our two companies and look forward to a long and prosperous relationship."

Available in a variety of package sizes ranging from one-gallon containers to bulk trailers, Airgas AiRx is supplied to truck stops, fuel retailers, private fleets, and lubricant/fuel distributors nationwide.

With more than 5,000 vehicles, Airgas maintains one of the largest private truck fleets in the country and uses Airgas AiRx Diesel Exhaust Fluid in all of its trucks with SCR technology.

About Wholesale Fuels, Inc.

Wholesale Fuels, Inc., has been in the petroleum supply business for more than 25 years. Since the purchase of Navy Oil Company in 1982, Wholesale Fuels has experienced significant growth, attributed to an aggressive customer-focused approach, combined with competitive pricing and superior service. Wholesale Fuels' growth has also been attributed to strategic acquisitions, including Irwin Petroleum, James Petroleum, Fresno Unocal's bulk plant, Maple Leaf Oil Co., McNeal & Shuck, Star Petroleum, and Sullivan Petroleum.

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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