

PRESS RELEASE

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Airgas' Advanced Fabrication Technologies Group to Exhibit at FABTECH 2016

Airgas, an Air Liquide company and the leading U.S. supplier of industrial gases, welding technologies, and safety products, announced that **its Advanced Fabrication Technologies group will attend and exhibit at FABTECH 2016** (Booth #N4720), November 16-18 at the Las Vegas Convention Center.

"FABTECH is an excellent opportunity for us to connect with existing and potential customers and showcase the technologies, products, services, and expertise we can provide to help them succeed in the global economy," said **Ron Stark**, Senior Vice President – Sales & Marketing. ***"Airgas looks forward to featuring an enhanced portfolio of technologies and products available through our combination with Air Liquide while maintaining our focus on the service and safety that our customers have come to expect."***

Airgas will feature welding shielding gases available in all modes of delivery for use in arc welding, plasma cutting, and TIG, MIG and MAG welding. The gases minimize oxidation and spatter rates, and lower defect rates, to offer higher productivity and increased efficiency for customers.

Airgas welding and fabrication experts will be on-hand to demonstrate and discuss innovative systems available for rent, lease, or sale through Red-D-Arc Welderentals, an Airgas company, including the Red-D-Arc Head and Tailstock Positioning System, which reduces or eliminates manual positioning of the work piece while improving productivity and quality. Also on display will be plasma cutting tables and an Airgas gas panel for cutting systems. Airgas and Red-D-Arc representatives will be on-hand to discuss these technologies, plus provide an overview of performance maintenance strategies to help our customers increase the life span and productivity of their equipment.

Airgas experts will also present the **Unlocking the Hidden Cost of Welding seminar**, featuring demonstrations and information on improving welding efficiency. The program focuses on assessing the economics of customer welding processes to determine where savings in time and money, as well as enhanced product quality and reduced consumption of welding gases and related consumables, may be achieved.

"Unlocking the Hidden Cost of Welding highlights ways our customers can improve productivity and reach their bottom-line goals and increase profits," said **Rob Tessier**, Airgas Director of

Advanced Fabrication. ***“We look forward to sharing this program with FABTECH attendees to show how they can better recognize and understand these hidden costs.”***

Additional information on Airgas’ metal fabrication products and offerings is available at the Airgas exhibit (Booth #N4720) during FABTECH. Registered FABTECH attendees who visit the Airgas exhibit will be entered to win an Apple iPad, a \$200 gift card, or a student welding kit.

Airgas, Inc.

Airgas, an Air Liquide company, is the leading U.S. supplier of industrial, medical and specialty gases, as well as hardgoods and related products; one of the largest U.S. suppliers of safety products; and a leading U.S. supplier of refrigerants, ammonia products, and process chemicals.

Dedicated to improving the performance of its more than 1 million customers, Airgas safely and reliably provides products, services and expertise through its more than 19,000 associates, over 1,100 locations, robust e-Business platform, and Airgas Total Access telesales channel.

As an Air Liquide company, the world leader in gases, technology and services for Industry and Health, Airgas offers customers an unrivaled global footprint and industry leading technology and innovations.

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The world leader in gases, technologies and services for Industry and Health, Air Liquide is present in 80 countries with approximately 68,000 employees and serves more than 3 million customers and patients*. Oxygen, nitrogen and hydrogen are essential small molecules for life, matter and energy. They embody Air Liquide’s scientific territory and have been at the core of the company’s activities since its creation in 1902.

Air Liquide’s ambition is to lead its industry, deliver long-term performance and contribute to sustainability. The company’s customer-centric transformation strategy aims at profitable growth over the long term. It relies on operational excellence, selective investments, open innovation and a network organization implemented by the Group worldwide. Through the commitment and inventiveness of its people, Air Liquide leverages energy and environment transition, changes in healthcare and digitization, and delivers greater value to all its stakeholders.

Air Liquide’s revenues amounted to €16.4 billion in 2015, and its solutions that protect life and the environment represented more than 40% of sales. On 23 May 2016, Air Liquide completed its acquisition of Airgas, which had revenues amounting to \$5.3 billion (around €4.8 billion) for the fiscal year ending 31 March 2016.

Air Liquide is listed on the Paris Euronext stock exchange (compartment A) and belongs to the CAC 40 and Dow Jones Euro Stoxx 50 indexes.

* Following the acquisition of Airgas on 23 May 2016