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## **Airgas' Advanced Fabrication Technologies Group to Exhibit at FABTECH 2015**

### **Airgas Experts to Demonstrate and Discuss New Technologies and Systems**

**RADNOR, PA - November 3, 2015** - Airgas, Inc. (NYSE: ARG), one of the nation's leading suppliers of industrial, medical, and specialty gases, as well as welding gases, consumables, and equipment, and related products, today announced that its Advanced Fabrication Technologies group will attend and exhibit at FABTECH 2015 (Booth #N18031), November 9-12 at McCormick Place in Chicago, Illinois.

"FABTECH offers us a fantastic venue to showcase the products and services we provide to help customers succeed in their own markets," said Jeff Cass, Airgas Vice President - Manufacturing and Metal Fabrication Markets.

Airgas welding and fabrication experts will be on-hand to demonstrate and discuss innovative systems available for rent or lease 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, and the Compact Vertical Bore Cladding System, with a three-ton capacity and optional slip ring for induction heating. The exhibit will also demonstrate a live robotic system able to cut with plasma and weld, as well as orbital welding and end-prep equipment and accessories. Airgas and Red-D-Arc representatives will be on-hand to discuss these technologies, plus provide an overview of vending equipment and strategies that help our customers control consumption of many consumable products.

Airgas experts will also present the *Unlocking the Hidden Cost of Welding* program, 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, may be achieved.

"Our *Unlocking the Hidden Cost of Welding* program has been very successful in providing our metal fabrication customers with strategies to achieve their bottom-line goals and increase profitability through improved productivity," said Rob Tessier, Airgas Director of Advanced Fabrication. "We look forward to discussing this program with FABTECH attendees so that they too can better understand and control some of these hidden costs."

Additional information on Airgas' metal fabrication products and offerings is available at the Airgas exhibit (Booth #N18031) during FABTECH. Registered FABTECH attendees who visit the Airgas exhibit will be entered to win an Apple Watch, Apple iPad or \$200 gift card. Attendees who participate in the *Unlocking the Hidden Cost of Welding* program will be entered to win a new Speedglas™ Auto-darkening Welding Helmet.

#### **About Airgas, Inc.**

Airgas, Inc. (NYSE: ARG), through its subsidiaries, is one of the nation's leading suppliers of industrial, medical and specialty gases, and hardgoods, such as welding equipment and related products. Airgas is a leading U.S. producer of atmospheric gases with 16 air separation plants, a leading producer of carbon dioxide, dry ice, and nitrous oxide, one of the largest U.S. suppliers of safety products, and a leading U.S. supplier of refrigerants, ammonia products, and process chemicals. Approximately 17,000 associates work in more than 1,100 locations, including branches, retail stores, gas fill plants, specialty gas labs, production facilities and distribution centers. Airgas also markets its products and services through e-Business, 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](http://www.airgas.com).

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