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## Combined Shareholders' Meeting of May 7, 2013

press release



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### Air Liquide share ownership breakdown

(As of December 31, 2012)

- 37% of the capital held by individual shareholders
- 44% of the capital held by non-French institutional investors
- 19% of the capital held by French institutional investors
- >0% treasury shares

### Upcoming dates

#### Ex-dividend date:

Thursday, May 16, 2013

#### Dividend payment date:

Wednesday, May 22, 2013

#### 2013 1<sup>st</sup> half results:

Tuesday, July 30, 2013

The Combined Shareholders' Meeting of Air Liquide, chaired by **Benoît Potier, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Company**, in the presence of the members of the Board of Directors, was attended by **3,632 people** on Tuesday May 7, 2013 at the Palais des Congrès in Paris. The 139,311 shareholders, physically present or duly represented, ie 52.35% of the voting rights, **approved** all of the **resolutions that were presented**.

The **proposed dividend**, with an ex-date of May 16 and payment date of May 22, **was approved**: it has been set at **€2.50 per share**, an increase of **+10.3%**, taking into account the attribution of one free share for every 10 existing shares in 2012. Shares held in registered form continually since December 31, 2010 until May 22, 2013, the payment date of the dividend, will be granted **an increase in the dividend of €0.25 per share, a bonus of 10%**.

The Shareholders approved **the renewal as directors** of Mr. Thierry Desmarest and Mr. Thierry Peugeot, each for a term of 4 years. The Board duly noted that Alain Joly's current term of office was expiring. A member of the Board since 1982, Mr. Joly served as Chairman and CEO of the Company from 1995 to 2001, and then served as Chairman of the Supervisory Board until 2006. Alain Joly was warmly thanked for his commitment and service to the Group and for his substantial contribution to Air Liquide's development for more than 50 years.

The Board of Directors is now composed of **11 members**, including **3 women**, and **5 different nationalities**. **Nine** of its members are **independent**.

At the meeting held following the Combined Shareholders' Meeting, the Board of Directors reappointed Thierry Peugeot to the Audit and Accounts Committee, reappointed Thierry Desmarest to serve as Chairman of the Appointments and Governance Committee and as a member of the Remuneration Committee, and appointed Siân Herbert-Jones as a member of the Audit and Accounts Committee.

Commenting on the 2012 financial year and the outlook for growth, **Benoît Potier, Chairman and CEO**, stated:

***"To seize new development opportunities, the Group pursues a strategy of profitable growth over the long term, supported by targeted investments and articulated around two pillars: competitiveness and innovation.***

***Thanks to the motivation of our employees, the trust of our customers and the loyalty of our shareholders, all the ingredients are there to ensure that Air Liquide, which this year celebrates its 100 years on the Paris Stock Exchange, continues to have a bright future."***

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***Air Liquide is the world leader in gases for industry, health and the environment**, and is present in **80 countries** with **close to 50,000 employees**. Oxygen, nitrogen, hydrogen and rare gases have been at the core of Air Liquide's activities since its creation in 1902. Using these molecules, Air Liquide continuously reinvents its business, anticipating the needs of current and future markets. The Group innovates for the good of society while delivering profitable growth and consistent performance.*

***Innovative technologies** that curb polluting emissions, lower industry's energy use, recover and reuse natural resources or develop the energies of tomorrow, such as hydrogen, biofuels or photovoltaic energy... Oxygen for hospitals, home healthcare, fighting nosocomial infections... Air Liquide combines many products and technologies to develop valuable applications and services not only for its customers but also for society.*

***A partner for the long term**, Air Liquide relies on employee commitment, customer trust and shareholder support to pursue its vision of sustainable, competitive growth. The **diversity** of Air Liquide's teams, businesses, markets and geographic presence provides a solid and sustainable base for its development and strengthens its ability to push back its own limits, conquer new territories and build its future.*

***Air Liquide explores the best that air can offer to preserve life, staying true to its Corporate Social Responsibility and sustainable development approach**. In 2012, the Group's revenues amounted to **€ 15.3 billion** of which 82% were generated outside France. Air Liquide is listed on the Paris Euronext stock exchange (compartment A) and is a member of the CAC 40 and Dow Jones Euro Stoxx 50 indexes.*