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Air Liquide announces startup of nitrogen plant in North Dakota

Air Liquide Industrial U.S. LP today announced the start up of a new nitrogen production plant in Tioga, North Dakota. The plant will increase the region's nitrogen supply, further supporting growth in drilling operations in the oil-rich Bakken reserves.

“We continue to position ourselves to better support this growing oil and gas region,” said Wayne Bohannon, president, Air Liquide Industrial U.S. LP. ***“The growing demand for nitrogen in this region coupled with the booming oilfield services activity there and in other regions of the US, aligns well with our offers and capabilities and our growth and expansion plans to serve this industry.”***

In North America, Air Liquide supplies nitrogen and carbon dioxide to oil and gas producers to support drilling operations and increase oil and natural gas recovery. The use of liquid nitrogen and carbon dioxide in the exploration process can displace the use of water by upwards of 50 percent and offers significant production and environmental benefits to traditional methods.

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Air Liquide in the U.S.

Air Liquide – the world leader in gases, technologies and services for Industry and Health – employs more than 5,000 people in the U.S. in over 200 locations. The company offers industrial and medical gases, technologies and related services to customers in energy, industrial, electronics and healthcare markets.

Air Liquide Industrial U.S. LP

Air Liquide Industrial U.S. LP supplies industrial gases in bulk quantities, clean energy solutions, and related products and services to customers in a range of industries: food and beverage, automotive, metallurgy, pharmaceuticals, chemicals, laboratory and analysis, materials handling, healthcare and others.

World leader in gases, technologies and services for Industry and Health, Air Liquide is present in 80 countries with close to 50,000 employees and serves more than 2 million customers and patients. Oxygen, nitrogen and hydrogen have been at the core of the company's activities since its creation in 1902. Air Liquide's ambition is to be the leader in its industry, delivering long-term performance and acting responsibly.

Air Liquide ideas create value over the long term. At the core of the company's development are the commitment and constant inventiveness of its people.

Air Liquide anticipates the challenges of its markets, invests locally and globally and delivers high-quality solutions to its customers and patients, and the scientific community.

The company relies on competitiveness in its operations, targeted investments in growing markets and innovation to deliver profitable growth over the long-term.

Air Liquide's revenues amounted to € 15.3 billion in 2012, and its solutions that protect life and the environment represented around 40% of sales. 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.