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## Toyota and Air Liquide Host Hydrogen Economy Information Session and Mirai “Ride-and-Drive” at the New York State Capitol

*The Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Toyota Mirai will be available in New York State in 2016*

Elected officials today got a chance to gaze into the future. Toyota and Air Liquide hosted a “ride-and-drive” experience with Toyota’s new hydrogen electric fuel cell vehicle called the Mirai which will go on sale this year.

As the infrastructure is still in progress, Air Liquide displayed a hydrogen dispenser to give users a better feel and understanding of how the hydrogen refueling experience will work.

“After more than a century with the automobile, we are making decisions about socially significant technologies aimed at building a true *hydrogen society* over the next 100 years”, said Steve Ciccone, Group Vice President, Government Affairs for Toyota. “Just as Prius styling was distinctive when it was introduced and still is today we think Mirai will be as well.... If the name of your car means ‘the future’ we feel it should look futuristic.”

Air Liquide and Toyota have announced a collaboration to develop a fully-integrated hydrogen fueling infrastructure in the Northeast U.S., which will include a network of state-of-the-art hydrogen fueling stations.

“A reliable hydrogen infrastructure is essential to the widespread adoption of hydrogen as a clean and sustainable energy solution for consumers today and into the future,” said Ole Hoefelmann, CEO of the Advanced Business and Technologies Americas division of Air Liquide. “Hydrogen is not only the energy source for zero emission vehicles, it is the cornerstone of a broad infrastructure to power and enable sustainable energy production, distribution and storage for industry, communities and generations to come.”

The Mirai, which can travel up to 300 miles on a single tank of hydrogen, refuel in less than five minutes and is a zero emission vehicle (ZEV) will be available for sale in the Northeast beginning in 2016.

Several members of the New York State Legislature and key government officials discussed hydrogen fuel cell technology with technical experts from Air Liquide and Toyota and had an opportunity to enjoy the driving experience and capabilities of the Mirai on the streets of Albany.

### **About Air Liquide in the U.S.**

Air Liquide 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. [www.us.airliquide.com](http://www.us.airliquide.com)

### **About Toyota**

Toyota Motor Corporation is the twelfth-largest company in the world by revenue and has approximately 338,875 employees worldwide. In 2012, Toyota became the largest automobile manufacturer in the world. Within New York State, there are currently 76 dealerships, with 5,738 employees. In addition, Toyota Financial Services maintains a service center in Middletown, NY, which provides financial and insurance products to Toyota dealers and their customers. To date, Toyota has donated over \$700 million to nonprofits across the U.S., including over \$68.8 million in contributions to New York organizations.

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World leader in gases, technologies and services for Industry and Health, Air Liquide is present in 80 countries with more than 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 € 15.4 billion in 2014, and its solutions that protect life and the environment represented more than 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.