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AIR LIQUIDE SUPPORTS HAITI RELIEF EFFORTS WITH MEDICAL GASES AND EQUIPMENT

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In the immediate aftermath of the Haiti earthquake, teams from Air Liquide in the U.S., the Dominican Republic and Trinidad and Tobago acted quickly to bring life-saving medical oxygen to Haiti. Air Liquide teams established portable medical oxygen filling systems in Haiti to provide for the medical needs critical to relief efforts.

Under difficult conditions and secured by a military escort, Air Liquide technicians worked around the clock to outfit and mobilize portable filling stations capable of filling 400 cylinders of medical oxygen per day. Air Liquide coordinated with the U.S. Embassy and other aid groups in securing staging at the Haitian and Dominican Republic border, followed by distribution directly into Port-au-Prince. Air Liquide personnel on the ground were fully operational within four days of the earthquake, and Air Liquide continues to provide the medical oxygen needs for a number of hospitals, as well as the temporary medical facilities in operation on the Brazilian military base near Port-au-Prince.

“The magnitude of suffering, loss of life and destruction from the devastating earthquake in Haiti has saddened us all,” said Michael J. Graff, president and CEO, American Air Liquide Holdings, Inc. and a member of Air Liquide’s executive committee. ***“At Air Liquide, our first thoughts and initial efforts were directed to finding ways to provide much needed medical oxygen to the rescue teams. I thank everyone involved for their sense of urgency and their resourcefulness in getting desperately needed assistance to Haiti.”***

In addition to the company’s immediate support of relief efforts by providing medical oxygen and equipment where it is most needed, Air Liquide has made a substantial donation to the Red Cross and is matching employee donations.

Societal commitment is a key component of the company’s social and environmental responsibility policy. Air Liquide encourages community initiatives, particularly in the fields of the environment, health and education.

Air Liquide is the world leader in gases for industry, health and the environment, and is present in over 75 countries with 42,300 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 to enable progress, to achieve dynamic growth and a 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, homecare, 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 sustainable development approach. In 2009, the Group’s revenues amounted to **€12 billion**, of which almost 80% were earned 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.

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