

Air Liquide inaugurates an Advanced Fabrication Center at its Delaware Innovation Campus, in the United States

Air Liquide and its American subsidiary Airgas today inaugurate an Advanced Fabrication Center at the Delaware Innovation Campus in the United States. The objective of this center of industrial expertise is to accelerate the process of innovation in order to improve and develop more efficient fabrication technologies and, in so doing, help our customers durably meet the challenges of tomorrow.

Located on the Delaware Innovation Campus, the Advanced Fabrication Center (AFC) is devoted to the joint development of technological solutions in the area of fabrication processes. This center brings together experts from Air Liquide specialized in plasma and electric arc welding and cutting, in laser and additive fabrication, and in robotic and cobotic¹ welding, and is equipped with new state of the art equipment and technology provided by partners for the purpose of carrying out tests.

Promoting a global approach and leveraging the expertise of the teams working at the Delaware Innovation Campus, the center offers a space designed for collaboration with equipment manufacturers to better meet the needs of end-users. It will enable new research with academic institutions for the purpose of using innovation to develop and optimize new manufacturing technologies.

Air Liquide has a global network of Innovation Campuses with integrated R&D centers that maintain close ties to the Group's activities, which encourages open collaboration with customers, suppliers, universities, research institutes and start-ups. More specifically, the Delaware Innovation Campus has already developed numerous partnerships with US universities, including Carnegie Mellon, Cornell, Princeton, Georgia Tech and the University of Delaware. With the creation of this new Advanced Fabrication Center, Air Liquide combines the Group's capacity for innovation and the considerable expertise that Airgas has in the fabrication market for the benefit of end customers.

¹Cobotic = direct or remote interaction between a human operator and a robotic system.

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The world leader in gases, technologies and services for Industry and Health, Air Liquide is present in 80 countries with approximately 65,000 employees and serves more than 3.5 million customers and patients. Oxygen, nitrogen and hydrogen are essential small molecules for life, matter and energy. They embody Air Liquide's scientific territory and have been at the core of the company's activities since its creation in 1902.

Air Liquide's ambition is to lead its industry, deliver long term performance and contribute to sustainability. The company's customer-centric transformation strategy aims at profitable growth over the long term. It relies on operational excellence, selective investments, open innovation and a network organization implemented by the Group worldwide. Through the commitment and inventiveness of its people, Air Liquide leverages energy and environment transition, changes in healthcare and digitization, and delivers greater value to all its stakeholders.

Air Liquide's revenue amounted to 20.3 billion euros in 2017 and its solutions that protect life and the environment represented more than 40% of sales. Air Liquide is listed on the Euronext Paris stock exchange (compartment A) and belongs to the CAC 40, EURO STOXX 50 and FTSE4Good indexes.