

## **Air Liquide Japan Ltd. to build high-efficiency plant in Kagoshima**

**Air Liquide Japan Ltd. (Headquarters: Minato-ku, Tokyo, Representative President & CEO, Shiro Yahara, hereinafter "Air Liquide Japan"), a leading company in gas, technologies and services for industry and health, will build a high-efficiency gas plant in Kirishima, Kagoshima prefecture.**

Air Liquide Japan will replace one of its gas plants at the Kokubu factory belonging to an affiliated company, Kagoshima Oxiton KK, with new a high-efficiency plant and increase the supply capacity of industrial gas products to the Kyushu markets. Engineer activities are already underway and construction is scheduled to begin during 2019.

Air Liquide Japan and its affiliated companies aim to optimize and continuously improve energy consumption, achieving economic efficiencies and realizing development that is sustainable and environmentally conscious. This new investment accords with our mission to be a leader in offering solutions to an ever-increasing need to protect the environment, which includes our commitment to a hydrogen energy-based society.

Air Liquide Japan will not only invest in modernization and renewal of our gas production factory, but will also implement other energy-saving measures through optimization of the distribution of liquid gas and other substances. In addition, it will implement the state of the art factory management technologies based on "Internet of Things." Air Liquide Group has announced its intentions to reduce its carbon intensity by 30% in 2025 in reference to 2015, and this renewal in Japan will be in line with this direction.

Shiro Yahara, Representative President and CEO of Air Liquide Japan said:

"We are very proud of this new investment which not only reaffirms our desire to supply our customers in Japan with the best technological solutions, but also demonstrates Air Liquide's commitment to sustainable development."

### **Air Liquide**

Air Liquide Japan has been in operation in Japan since 1907. Our 2,000 employees serve over 35,000 customers in the industry sector including electronics, as well as patients receiving home health care. In recent years, Air Liquide has expanded business activities in the healthcare sector. In terms of innovation development, the company has a Research and Technology Center in Tsukuba, and a Plant Engineering Center in Kobe, making Japan a technology and research base for Air Liquide in Asia and beyond.

**About Air Liquide** A 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, contribute to sustainability, and to take responsibility for its actions. 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 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.