Share buyback

The share purchase agreement signed by Air Liquide (Paris : AI) on March 11th 2019 with an investment service provider (see statement) has matured as of May 3rd 2019.

Pursuant to this agreement and in the context of its Share Buyback Program, as authorized by the Combined Shareholders Meeting of May 16th, 2018, the Company repurchased 1,300,000 Air Liquide shares (representing 0.3% of the share capital of the Group as of December 31st 2018) leading to an final total purchase amount of 148,246,540.00 €. The shares purchased pursuant to this agreement shall in part be cancelled by the Company and in part be affected to the implementation of performance share plans or employee share ownership transactions of the Company.

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Air Liquide’s ambition is to be a leader in 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 21 billion euros in 2018 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.