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2010 bonus share allocation: “fractional rights” allotment

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Following the one for fifteen bonus share allocation on May 28, 2010 decided by the Air Liquide Board of Directors, shareholders whose number of shares cannot be divided by 15 are entitled to « fractional rights ».

The unit price allocated for fractional rights amounts to:

- **5.69** euros per fractional right following the allocation of one bonus share for every 15 existing shares, plus
- **0.57** euro per fractional right, for the 10% loyalty bonus for shares held in registered form continuously from December 31, 2007 to May 27, 2010 included.

Shareholders will be paid the amount of their fractional rights on June 24, 2010.

Air Liquide share ownership

- 410, 000 individual shareholders hold 38% of share capital (as at December 31, 2009)
- 171, 000 registered shareholders
- 36% of share capital held by foreign institutional investors
- 26% of share capital held by French institutional investors

The Minutes of the 2010 Shareholders' Meeting are available on Air Liquide's website

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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 generated 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.