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## Combined Shareholders' Meeting on May 4th 2011

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The Combined Shareholders' Meeting of Air Liquide will be held in Paris on **Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> 2011, starting at 3 pm**, on first notice, in the Palais des Congrès, 2 place Porte Maillot, 75017 PARIS.

The preliminary meeting notice was published today in the legal gazette (BALO - Bulletin des Annonces Légales et Obligatoires). It includes the Meeting agenda, the draft resolutions that the Board of Directors plans to submit to a vote of shareholders, and instructions for attending, voting and exercising shareholders' rights.

The preliminary meeting notice can be consulted online on the Group's website: [www.airliquide.com](http://www.airliquide.com), Shareholders section. All the information concerning the Meeting will also be available on this website.

The Combined Shareholders' Meeting provides an opportunity to present the Group's strategy and its outlook for development. All shareholders are invited to vote either by attending the Shareholders' Meeting in person or by voting by post or by proxy (via a proxy voting form). The participation of every shareholder is important.

In addition, the Shareholders' Meeting will be webcast for live viewing or playback on Group's website: [www.airliquide.com](http://www.airliquide.com).

The preparatory documentation will be communicated to shareholders according to the legal and regulatory conditions as from the publication in the BALO due on March 18<sup>th</sup> 2011 of the invitation to attend the Meeting. The documents and other preparatory elements will also be held at the disposal of the shareholders at Shareholder Services, 75 quai d'Orsay, 75321 Paris Cedex 07 and published on the Group's website [www.airliquide.com](http://www.airliquide.com), Shareholders section, according to the legal and regulatory conditions.

### Upcoming dates

#### **First quarter 2010 revenue:**

Tuesday, April 26, 2011

#### **Annual General Meeting:**

Wednesday, May 4, 2011

#### **Dividend ex date:**

Wednesday, May 11, 2011

#### **Dividend payment date:**

Monday, May 16, 2011

**Air Liquide is the world leader in gases for industry, health and the environment**, and is present in **80 countries** with **43,600 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 2010, the Group's revenues amounted to **€13.5 billion**, of which more than 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.