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Airgas Recognized by Bechtel for Outstanding Performance on Nuclear, Security, and Environmental Projects

Company Honored for its Commitment to Excellence and Quality

Airgas, an Air Liquide company and a leading U.S. supplier of industrial gases, welding technologies, and safety products, **was recognized for outstanding work on projects by Bechtel's Nuclear, Security & Environmental global business unit at the Bechtel Supply Chain Recognition awards.** The awards recognize suppliers who supported Bechtel's work in nuclear power, environmental clean-up, defense, and nuclear security and operations projects during 2016.

Airgas has supplied Bechtel with industrial gases, as well as welding hardgoods and safety products, since 2008, supporting key engineering and construction projects across the U.S.

Airgas CEO Pascal Vinet commented: **"Airgas is honored to be recognized by Bechtel. Airgas defines success as helping customers grow by providing excellent service and industry-leading expertise. Our partnership with Bechtel is a prime example of this success. We thank Bechtel for the recognition and look forward to our continued partnership."**

Barbara Rusinko, President of Bechtel's Nuclear, Security & Environmental global business unit, said: **"We could not accomplish what we do without our subcontractors and suppliers. The work is challenging, highly technical, and is often first-of-a-kind."**

Awarded companies were **evaluated on multiple factors**, including overall performance; the ability to deliver quality services and supplies on time; the ability to work collaboratively to meet milestones; and meeting or exceeding project expectations in the aspects of safety, construction performance, technical expertise, and environmental compliance.

About Bechtel

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Airgas, an Air Liquide company, is the leading U.S. supplier of industrial, medical and specialty gases, as well as hardgoods and related products; one of the largest U.S. suppliers of safety products; and a leading U.S. supplier of refrigerants, ammonia products, and process chemicals.

Dedicated to improving the performance of its more than 1 million customers, Airgas safely and reliably provides products, services and expertise through its more than 18,000 associates, over 1,100 locations, robust e-Business platform, and Airgas Total Access telesales channel.

As an Air Liquide company, the world leader in gases, technology and services for Industry and Health, Airgas offers customers an unrivaled global footprint and industry leading technology and innovations.

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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 67,000 employees and serves more than 3 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 € 18.1 billion in 2016 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.