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(Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.

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Offer to Acquire Airgas

February 5, 2010





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John Mc Glade

Air Products Chairman, President and CEO





Transaction highlights

Consideration	All-cash offer for all Airgas shares at \$60.00 per share
Premium	Premium of 38% to Airgas' closing price on 2/04/10 of \$43.53
Accretion	Expected to be substantially accretive to Air Products cash EPS beginning in 2011
Synergies	Substantial cost synergies yielding \$250 million run rate by the end of year 2
Financing	Air Products has secured committed financing. Air Products is committed to remaining investment grade and to returning to an A rating
Regulatory Approval	Air Products has thoroughly considered potential regulatory issues and is prepared to make appropriate divestitures



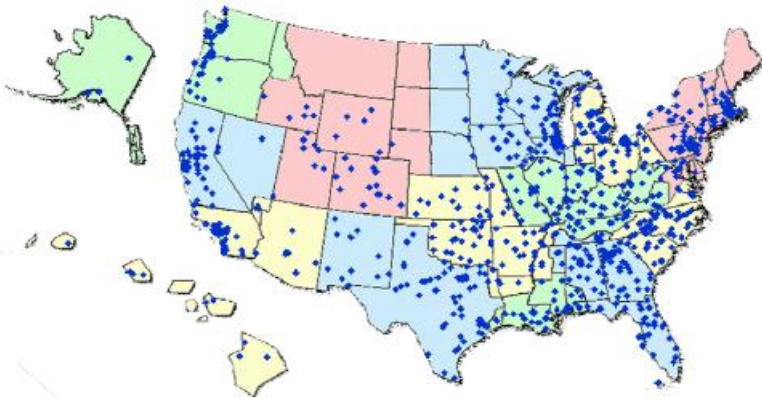
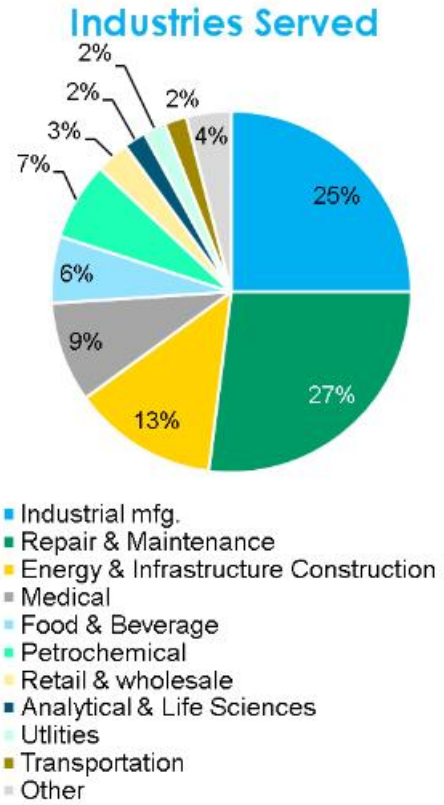
Compelling strategic and industrial logic

- Creates one of the world's leading integrated industrial gas companies
 - Largest industrial gas company in North America and one of the largest in the world
 - Diversified across geographies and distribution channels with competitive positions in all three supply modes: Packaged Gases, Liquid Bulk, Tonnage
- Combination of highly complementary skills and strengths enables us to better serve the needs of customers
 - Air Products' leadership in tonnage, strong European and joint venture packaged gas positions
 - Airgas' leadership in U.S. packaged gases
 - Air Products' Engineering and Technology Skills
- Timing is excellent
 - Provides Air Products a highly efficient re-entry into U.S. packaged gas market
 - Air Products' global infrastructure enables more rapid Airgas international expansion
 - Leverages Air Products' supply chain and SAP capabilities
- Significant synergies available
 - Substantial cost savings
 - Growth opportunities as economy recovers



Airgas at a glance

Revenue (FY2009)	\$4.3B
Total CAGR (over last 5 years)	19%
Same Store Sales Growth	7%



Broad Coverage - 1,500 Sales Representatives

7 Source: Based on Airgas public disclosures



Combination creates significant value

Air Products Strengths

- Global presence & infrastructure
- Significant European packaged gas business
- Gas application skills
- Tonnage asset base
- Operations & Engineering skills
- SAP experience & infrastructure

Airgas Strengths

- Broad U.S. sales coverage
- Packaged gas skills
- Distribution expertise
- Acquisition sourcing & integration capabilities

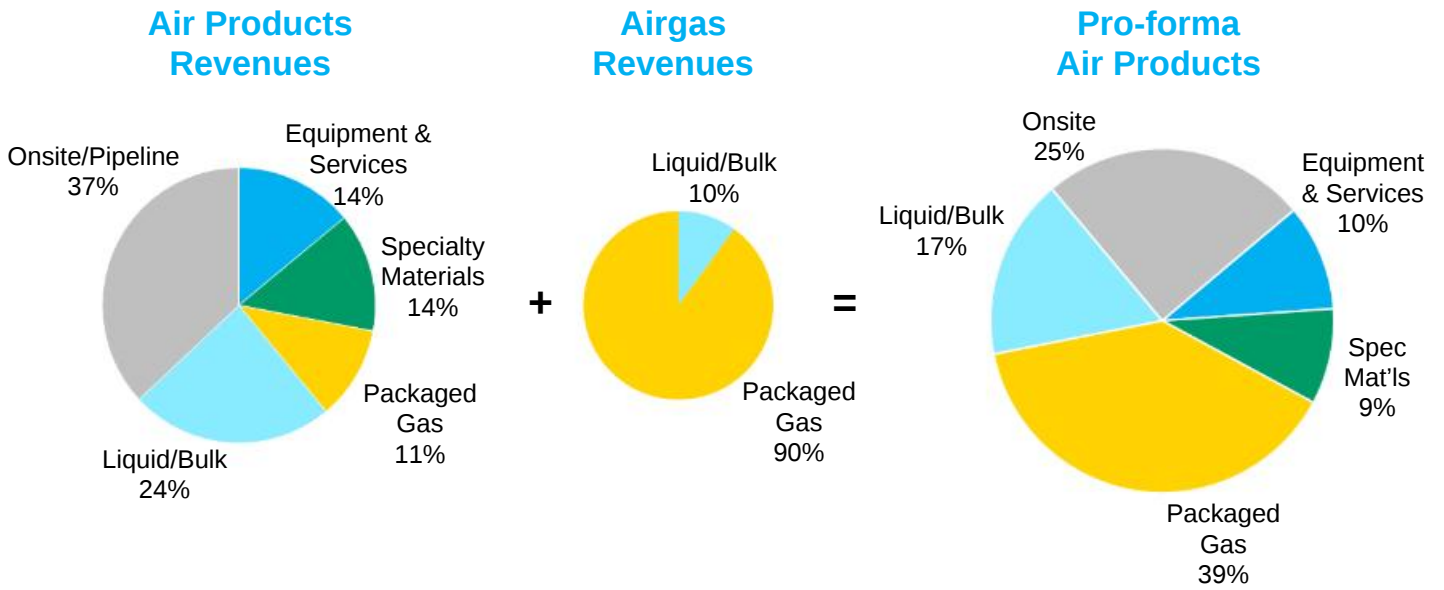
Increased Shareholder Value

- Lower costs
- Increased growth
- Greater cash generation

A Company of Greater Capability



A world leading integrated industrial gas company



- One of the largest industrial gas companies in the world
- Largest industrial gas company in North America
- World-class competencies across all modes of supply



Benefits of an integrated industrial gas company



Tonnage

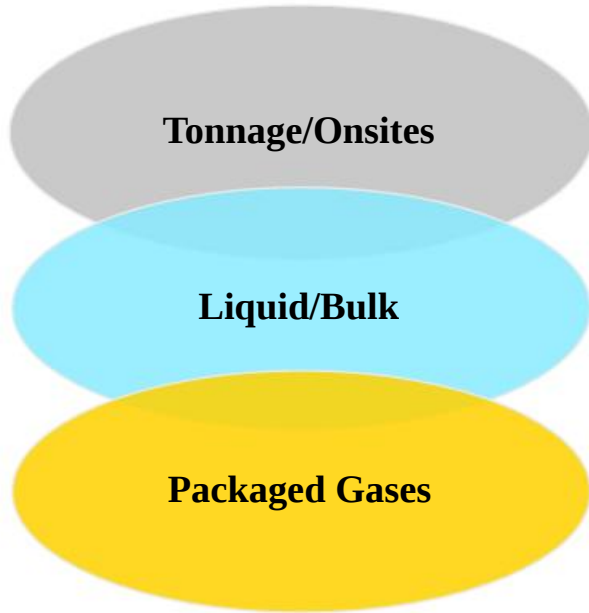


Bulk



Cylinders

Mode of Supply



Integration Benefit

- Co-product economics
- Liquid back-up
- Sales coverage
- Product supply/outlet
- Broader scope of industries served
- Brand recognition



Enhances Air Products' Multiple Growth Opportunities

Energy



- Hydrogen for refining
- Oxygen for gasification
- LNG heat exchangers

Environment



- Oxyfuel
- Carbon capture
- Multiple Gas Applications

Emerging Markets



- Electronics across Asia
- Equity Affiliate positions
- Expanding Merchant positions in Asia



Paul Huck

Air Products Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer





Certain Value for Airgas Shareholders

- \$60.00 per share in cash
- 38% premium comparable to similar transactions
 - 10.5x multiple of EBITDA
- Immediate liquidity in an uncertain economic environment and removes any uncertainty with respect to future stock performance





Financial details

- Transaction value (\$billions)

Equity Purchase	\$5.1
Assumption of debt	<u>\$1.9</u>
Total Consideration	\$7.0

- Committed financing secured

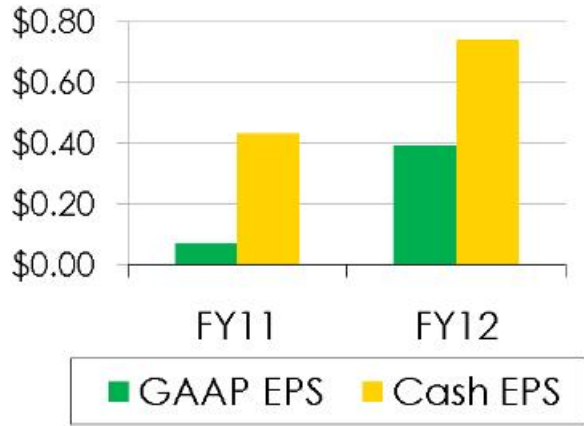
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- Maintain dividend policy

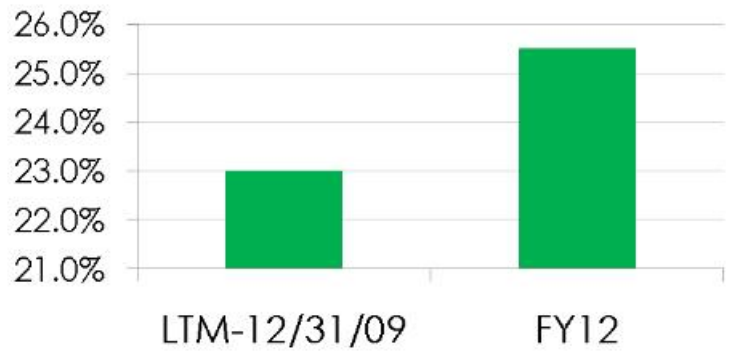


Key goals

Accretion/Dilution



EBITDA Margin



- Transaction accretive in the first year
- Solid shareholder value
- Excludes transaction and integration costs

- Synergies enable greater cash flow generation
- Combination provides for significant margin benefits



Synergies

Cost savings run rate of \$250 million by end of year two

Infrastructure

- Fully integrated ERP platform
- Shared Services

Supply Chain Efficiencies

- Utilize Air Products' continuous improvement tools to optimize supply chain
- Procurement Benefits

Overheads

- Overlapping operations
- Streamlined management structure

Growth through new offerings, density and international expansion



Path Forward . . .

Litigation

- Commenced litigation in Delaware

Proceed with tender offer if needed

- Financing committed

Begin regulatory process

- Prepared to make appropriate divestitures

Proxy Contest

- Proceed with proxy contest if needed

**Air Products
committed to
completing the
transaction**



John McGlade

Air Products Chairman, President and CEO





Compelling transaction that delivers on our promises...

STABILITY

- Diversified across geographies and distribution channels with competitive positions in all three supply modes
- Maintain strong balance sheet/investment grade rating

GROWTH

- Highly efficient re-entry into U.S. packaged gas market
- Enhanced growth opportunities, domestic and international

RESULTS

- Substantial cost savings, \$250 million annual run-rate by end of year two
- EBITDA margin expansion
- Accretive to cash, GAAP EPS

Well-positioned for long-term value creation



Thank you

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