Air Products Wins Prestigious CIO Choice Award from Gartner

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Global Team Delivers Results That Earn the Award for Air Products

Air Products (NYSE:APD) today announced that it was awarded the Gartner CIO Choice Award for 2002. The award is presented annually to a company who best embodies the qualities of an IT best-practices leader. Gartner formalized this award in 2000, and Air Products is the first manufacturing company to have won the award. Past recipients of the award include RBC Financial Group and Salomon Smith Barney.

"Over the past year, Air Products has demonstrated—through a series of Total Cost of Ownership assessments—continuous improvements in providing world-class service at competitive costs," said Scott Fertig, Gartner CIO. "Air Products has reaped year over year business benefit from a continuous, comprehensive process of IT assessment."

Commenting on this most noteworthy achievement, Joe McMakin, vice president of Global Information Technology said, "We are delighted to have won the prestigious Gartner CIO Choice Award. Air Products' IT community has done an outstanding job in innovative and profitable application of information technology while concurrently creating a robust and flexible infrastructure. This coveted award is a marvelous recognition of the team's efforts." To access more information on Gartner's CIO Choice Award, go to www.gartner.com/CIOaward. Air Products was also recently named to CMP Media's InformationWeek 500, a prestigious listing of the largest and most innovative users of information technology.

About Air Products

Air Products (NYSE:APD) serves customers in technology, energy, healthcare and industrial markets worldwide with a unique portfolio of products, services and solutions, providing atmospheric gases, process and specialty gases, performance materials and chemical intermediates. The company is the largest global supplier of electronic materials, hydrogen, helium and select performance chemicals. Founded in 1940, Air Products is recognized for its innovative culture, operational excellence and commitment to safety and the environment. With annual revenues of $5.4 billion and operations in over 30 countries, the company’s 17,200 employees build lasting relationships with their customers and communities based on understanding, integrity and passion. For more information, visit www.airproducts.com.

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