

Air Products Appoints Montgomery Alger Vice President and Chief Technology Officer

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LEHIGH VALLEY, Pa., Feb. 19 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Air Products (NYSE: APD) has named Montgomery (Monty) Alger vice president and chief technology officer, effective today. Alger brings to Air Products more than 23 years of technology, engineering and business management experience at General Electric, where he served most recently as general manager of technology for GE Advanced Materials (silicones and quartz), which became Momentive Performance Materials when Apollo Management, L.P. acquired the business in late 2006.

As chief technology officer, Alger has oversight responsibility for Air Products' global research and development activities. He will report to John Jones, chairman and CEO.

"Monty's extensive experience in materials research coupled with his strong engineering background provide an excellent fit with our technology portfolio," Jones said. "We are excited to have him as part of our leadership team helping us execute our growth strategy."

Alger joined GE in 1984 at its Corporate Research Center, where he led technology development programs for GE Battery, Lighting, Appliances, and Plastics businesses through 1991. In 1992 he moved to GE Plastics Global Technology and had a number of product and process development roles. In 1998 he became manager of Engineering for GE Superabrasives and in 2000 led the launch of its e-Business website (AbrasiveNet.com). Alger returned to the Global Research Center in 2001 where he was responsible for Advanced Lexan(R) technology development. He moved to the GE Plastics Noryl(R) business as manager of Global Technology in 2002 before moving to the GE Advanced Materials business in 2005.

A native of Rumney, N.H., Alger received B.S. and M.S. degrees in chemical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1978, and a Ph.D. in chemical engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1982. He serves on the Chemical Engineering Advisory Council at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and is a member of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. He is a certified Six Sigma master black belt.

Air Products (NYSE: APD) serves customers in industrial, energy, technology and healthcare markets worldwide with a unique portfolio of atmospheric gases, process and specialty gases, performance materials, and equipment and services. Founded in 1940, Air Products has built leading positions in key growth markets such as semiconductor materials, refinery hydrogen, home healthcare services, natural gas liquefaction, and advanced coatings and adhesives. The company is recognized for its innovative culture, operational excellence and commitment to safety and the environment and is listed in the Dow Jones Sustainability and FTSE4Good Indices. The company has annual revenues of \$9 billion, operations in over 40 countries, and over 20,000 employees around the globe. For more information, visit www.airproducts.com.

***NOTE: This release may contain forward-looking statements. Actual results could vary materially, due to changes in current expectations.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Alger's corporate biography and photo are available on Air Products' online Press Room at www.airproducts.com/PressRoom/Biographies/ExecutiveBiographies.htm#A.

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