UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
 For the quarterly period ended 31 December 2020

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File Number 001-04534



AIR PRODUCTS AND CHEMICALS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

23-1274455 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

7201 Hamilton Boulevard Allentown, Pennsylvania 18195-1501 (Address of principal executive offices and Zip Code)

610-481-4911

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

| Title of each class | Trading Symbol(s) | Name of each exchange on which registered |
|--|-------------------|---|
| Common Stock, par value \$1.00 per share | APD | New York Stock Exchange |
| 0.375% Euro Notes due 2021 | APD21B | New York Stock Exchange |
| 1.000% Euro Notes due 2025 | APD25 | New York Stock Exchange |
| 0.500% Euro Notes due 2028 | APD28 | New York Stock Exchange |
| 0.800% Euro Notes due 2032 | APD32 | New York Stock Exchange |

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes \boxtimes No \square

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (\$232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files). Yes \boxtimes No \square

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

| Large accelerated filer | X | Accelerated filer | Non-accelerated filer | Smaller reporting | Emerging growth | |
|-------------------------|---|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--|
| | | | | company | company | |

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes 🗆 No 🗵

The number of shares of common stock, par value \$1 per share, outstanding at 31 December 2020 was 221,276,890.

AIR PRODUCTS AND CHEMICALS, INC. and Subsidiaries QUARTERLY REPORT ON FORM 10-Q For the quarterly period ended 31 December 2020

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This quarterly report contains "forward-looking statements" within the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements include all statements that do not relate solely to historical or current facts and can generally be identified by words such as "anticipate," "believe," "could," "estimate," "expect," "forecast," "future," "goal," "intend," "may," "outlook," "plan," "positioned," "posible," "potential," "project," "should," "target," "will," "would," and similar expressions or variations thereof, or the negative thereof, but these terms are not the exclusive means of identifying such statements. Forward-looking statements are based on management's expectations and assumptions as of the date of this report and are not guarantees of future performance. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on our forward-looking statements.

Forward-looking statements may relate to a number of matters, including expectations regarding revenue, margins, expenses, earnings, tax provisions, cash flows, pension obligations, share repurchases or other statements regarding economic conditions or our business outlook; statements regarding plans, projects, strategies and objectives for our future operations, including our ability to win new projects and execute the projects in our backlog; and statements regarding our expectations with respect to pending legal claims or disputes. While forward-looking statements are made in good faith and based on assumptions, expectations and projections that management believes are reasonable based on currently available information, actual performance and financial results may differ materially from projections and estimates expressed in the forward-looking statements because of many factors, including, without limitation:

- the duration and impacts of the novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") global pandemic and efforts to contain its transmission, including the
 effect of these factors on our business, our customers, economic conditions and markets generally;
- changes in global or regional economic conditions, supply and demand dynamics in the market segments we serve, or in the financial
 markets that may affect the availability and terms on which we may obtain financing;
- risks associated with having extensive international operations, including political risks, risks associated with unanticipated government actions and risks of investing in developing markets;
- project delays, contract terminations, customer cancellations, or postponement of projects and sales;
- our ability to develop and operate large scale and technically complex projects, including gasification projects;
- the future financial and operating performance of major customers and joint venture partners;
- our ability to develop, implement, and operate new technologies;
- our ability to execute the projects in our backlog;
- tariffs, economic sanctions and regulatory activities in jurisdictions in which we and our affiliates and joint ventures operate;
- the impact of environmental, tax or other legislation, as well as regulations affecting our business and related compliance requirements, including legislation or regulations related to global climate change;
- · changes in tax rates and other changes in tax law;
- the timing, impact, and other uncertainties relating to acquisitions and divestitures, including our ability to integrate acquisitions and separate divested businesses, respectively;
- risks relating to cybersecurity incidents, including risks from the interruption, failure or compromise of our information systems;
- catastrophic events, such as natural disasters, public health crises, acts of war, or terrorism;
- the impact on our business and customers of price fluctuations in oil and natural gas and disruptions in markets and the economy due to oil and natural gas price volatility;
- · costs and outcomes of legal or regulatory proceedings and investigations;
- asset impairments due to economic conditions or specific events;

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

- · significant fluctuations in interest rates and foreign currency exchange rates from those currently anticipated;
- damage to facilities, pipelines or delivery systems, including those we own or operate for third parties;
- availability and cost of raw materials; and
- the success of productivity and operational improvement programs.

In addition to the foregoing factors, forward-looking statements contained herein are qualified with respect to the risks disclosed elsewhere in this document, including in Item 2, *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations*, and Item 3, *Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk*, as well as with respect to the risks described in Item 1A, *Risk Factors*, to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended 30 September 2020. Any of these factors, as well as those not currently anticipated by management, could cause our results of operations, financial condition or liquidity to differ materially from what is expressed or implied by any forward-looking statement. Except as required by law, we disclaim any obligation or undertaking to update or revise any forward-looking statements contained herein to reflect any change in assumptions, beliefs, or expectations or any change in events, conditions, or circumstances upon which any such forward-looking statements are based.

PART I—FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

AIR PRODUCTS AND CHEMICALS, INC. and Subsidiaries CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

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|--|-------------|-----------|
| | Three Month | ns Ended |
| | 31 Dece | mber |
| (Millions of dollars, except for share and per share data) | 2020 | 2019 |
| Sales | \$2,375.2 | \$2,254.7 |
| Cost of sales | 1,632.4 | 1,486.6 |
| Selling and administrative | 202.7 | 201.7 |
| Research and development | 23.5 | 17.7 |
| Other income (expense), net | 22.5 | 12.3 |
| Operating Income | 539.1 | 561.0 |
| Equity affiliates' income | 69.3 | 58.2 |
| Interest expense | 36.7 | 18.7 |
| Other non-operating income (expense), net | 18.6 | 9.1 |
| Income From Continuing Operations Before Taxes | 590.3 | 609.6 |
| Income tax provision | 113.9 | 120.7 |
| Income From Continuing Operations | 476.4 | 488.9 |
| Income from discontinued operations, net of tax | 10.3 | — |
| Net Income | 486.7 | 488.9 |
| Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests of continuing operations | 4.7 | 13.3 |
| Net Income Attributable to Air Products | \$482.0 | \$475.6 |
| | | |
| Net Income Attributable to Air Products | | |
| Net income from continuing operations | \$471.7 | \$475.6 |
| Net income from discontinued operations | 10.3 | — |
| Net Income Attributable to Air Products | \$482.0 | \$475.6 |
| | | |
| Per Share Data* | | |
| Basic EPS from continuing operations | \$2.13 | \$2.15 |
| Basic EPS from discontinued operations | 0.05 | _ |
| Basic EPS Attributable to Air Products | \$2.18 | \$2.15 |
| Diluted EPS from continuing operations | \$2.12 | \$2.14 |
| Diluted EPS from discontinued operations | 0.05 | — |
| Diluted EPS Attributable to Air Products | \$2.17 | \$2.14 |
| Weighted Average Common Shares (in millions) | | |
| Basic | 221.5 | 220.9 |
| Diluted | 221.5 | 220.9 |
| | 222.0 | 222.2 |

*Earnings per share ("EPS") is calculated independently for each component and may not sum to total EPS due to rounding.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

AIR PRODUCTS AND CHEMICALS, INC. and Subsidiaries CONSOLIDATED COMPREHENSIVE INCOME STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

| | Three Months 31 Decem | |
|---|--------------------------|---------|
| (Millions of dollars) | 2020 | 2019 |
| Net Income | \$486.7 | \$488.9 |
| Other Comprehensive Income, net of tax: | | |
| Translation adjustments, net of tax of (\$24.2) and (\$10.8) | 415.7 | 264.0 |
| Net gain (loss) on derivatives, net of tax of \$2.7 and \$2.6 | 13.8 | 22.1 |
| Reclassification adjustments: | | |
| Derivatives, net of tax of (\$0.8) and (\$0.8) | (1.3) | (3.6) |
| Pension and postretirement benefits, net of tax of \$5.9 and \$6.5 | 18.3 | 19.7 |
| Total Other Comprehensive Income | 446.5 | 302.2 |
| Comprehensive Income | 933.2 | 791.1 |
| Net Income Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests | 4.7 | 13.3 |
| Other Comprehensive Income Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests | 19.7 | 15.2 |
| Comprehensive Income Attributable to Air Products | \$908.8 | \$762.6 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

AIR PRODUCTS AND CHEMICALS, INC. and Subsidiaries CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (Unaudited)

| (Millions of dollars, except for share and per share data) | 31 December 2020 | 30 September 2020 |
|---|---------------------|----------------------|
| Assets | | |
| Current Assets | | |
| Cash and cash items | \$5,788.0 | \$5,253.0 |
| Short-term investments | 412.0 | 1,104.9 |
| Trade receivables, net | 1,419.7 | 1,274.8 |
| Inventories | 422.9 | 404.8 |
| Prepaid expenses | 178.5 | 164.5 |
| Other receivables and current assets | 588.7 | 482.9 |
| Total Current Assets | 8,809.8 | 8,684.9 |
| Investment in net assets of and advances to equity affiliates | 1,520.4 | 1,432.2 |
| Plant and equipment, at cost | 26,308.1 | 25,176.2 |
| Less: accumulated depreciation | 13,791.0 | 13,211.5 |
| Plant and equipment, net | 12,517.1 | 11,964.7 |
| Goodwill, net | 923.9 | 891.5 |
| Intangible assets, net | 452.5 | 435.8 |
| Noncurrent lease receivables | 816.2 | 816.3 |
| Other noncurrent assets | 1,048.2 | 943.1 |
| Total Noncurrent Assets | 17,278.3 | 16,483.6 |
| Total Assets | \$26,088.1 | \$25,168.5 |
| Liabilities and Equity | | |
| Current Liabilities | | |
| Payables and accrued liabilities | \$1,962.2 | \$1,833.2 |
| Accrued income taxes | 108.4 | 105.8 |
| Short-term borrowings | 9.2 | 7.7 |
| Current portion of long-term debt | 906.1 | 470.0 |
| Total Current Liabilities | 2,985.9 | 2,416.7 |
| Long-term debt | 6,779.1 | 7,132.9 |
| Long-term debt – related party | 312.5 | 297.2 |
| Other noncurrent liabilities | 1,935.7 | 1,916.0 |
| Deferred income taxes | 1,003.0 | 962.6 |
| Total Noncurrent Liabilities | 10,030.3 | 10,308.7 |
| Total Liabilities | 13,016.2 | 12,725.4 |
| Commitments and Contingencies - See Note 10 | | |
| Air Products Shareholders' Equity | | |
| Common stock (par value \$1 per share; issued 2021 and 2020 - 249,455,584 shares) | 249.4 | 249.4 |
| Capital in excess of par value | 1,083.0 | 1,094.8 |
| Retained earnings | 15,060.5 | 14,875.7 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (1,713.3) | (2,140.1) |
| Treasury stock, at cost (2021 - 28,178,694 shares; 2020 - 28,438,125 shares) | (1,996.0) | (2,000.0) |
| Total Air Products Shareholders' Equity | 12,683.6 | 12,079.8 |
| Noncontrolling Interests | 388.3 | 363.3 |
| Total Equity | 13,071.9 | 12,443.1 |
| Total Liabilities and Equity | \$26,088.1 | \$25,168.5 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

AIR PRODUCTS AND CHEMICALS, INC. and Subsidiaries CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Unaudited)

| (Millions of dollars) 2020 Operating Activities 2020 | | | | |
|--|--------------------|-----------|--|--|
| Operating Activities Image: Constraint of the second s | Three Months Ended | | | |
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| Net income S _ess: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest of continuing operations S Net income attributable to Air Products S ncome from discontinued operations S ncome from continuing operations attributable to Air Products S Adjustments to reconcile income to cash provided by operating activities: Depreciation and amortization Deferred income taxes Undistributed earnings of equity method investments Gain on sale of assets and investments S | | 2019 | | |
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| ncome from discontinued operations ncome from continuing operations attributable to Air Products Adjustments to reconcile income to cash provided by operating activities: Depreciation and amortization Deferred income taxes Undistributed earnings of equity method investments Gain on sale of assets and investments | 4.7 | 13.3 | | |
| ncome from continuing operations attributable to Air Products Adjustments to reconcile income to cash provided by operating activities: Depreciation and amortization Deferred income taxes Undistributed earnings of equity method investments Gain on sale of assets and investments | 482.0 | 475.6 | | |
| Adjustments to reconcile income to cash provided by operating activities: Depreciation and amortization Deferred income taxes Undistributed earnings of equity method investments Gain on sale of assets and investments | (10.3) | | | |
| Depreciation and amortization Deferred income taxes Undistributed earnings of equity method investments Gain on sale of assets and investments | 471.7 | 475.6 | | |
| Deferred income taxes Undistributed earnings of equity method investments Gain on sale of assets and investments | | | | |
| Undistributed earnings of equity method investments Gain on sale of assets and investments | 323.7 | 289.2 | | |
| Gain on sale of assets and investments | 47.6 | 24.4 | | |
| | (10.8) | (26.2) | | |
| Share-based compensation | (1.1) | (1.1) | | |
| | 9.8 | 13.9 | | |
| Noncurrent lease receivables | 21.9 | 23.5 | | |
| Other adjustments | 19.3 | 30.8 | | |
| Norking capital changes that provided (used) cash, excluding effects of acquisitions: | | | | |
| Trade receivables | (44.1) | 0.9 | | |
| Inventories | (9.9) | (8.4) | | |
| Other receivables | (30.1) | 1.4 | | |
| Payables and accrued liabilities | 24.2 | (115.4) | | |
| Other working capital | (47.5) | (41.6) | | |
| Cash Provided by Operating Activities | 774.7 | 667.0 | | |
| nvesting Activities | | | | |
| Additions to plant and equipment, including long-term deposits | (664.2) | (447.7) | | |
| nvestment in and advances to equity method investments | (20.0) | (7.1) | | |
| Proceeds from sale of assets and investments | 2.6 | 15.2 | | |
| Purchases of investments | (158.5) | — | | |
| Proceeds from investments | 855.0 | 177.0 | | |
| Other investing activities | 3.3 | 1.9 | | |
| Cash Provided by (Used for) Investing Activities | 18.2 | (260.7) | | |
| Financing Activities | | | | |
| Payments on long-term debt | (1.1) | (2.8) | | |
| Net increase (decrease) in commercial paper and short-term borrowings | 4.5 | (10.4) | | |
| Dividends paid to shareholders | (296.2) | (255.7) | | |
| Proceeds from stock option exercises | 1.6 | 5.5 | | |
| Other financing activities | (15.9) | (6.9) | | |
| Cash Used for Financing Activities | (307.1) | (270.3) | | |
| Effect of Exchange Rate Changes on Cash | 49.2 | 21.4 | | |
| ncrease in cash and cash items | 535.0 | 157.4 | | |
| Cash and Cash items – Beginning of Year 5 | ,253.0 | 2,248.7 | | |
| | ,788.0 | \$2,406.1 | | |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

AIR PRODUCTS AND CHEMICALS, INC. and Subsidiaries CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EQUITY (Unaudited)

| | Three Months Ended | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|--|-------------------|--|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| | 31 December 2020 | | | | | | | |
| - (Millions of dollars, except for per share data) | Common Stock | Capital in Excess of Par Value | Retained Earnings | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) | Treasury Stock | Air Products Shareholders' Equity | Non- controlling Interests | Total Equity |
| Balance at 30 September 2020 | \$249.4 | \$1,094.8 | \$14,875.7 | (\$2,140.1) | (\$2,000.0) | \$12,079.8 | \$363.3 | \$12,443.1 |
| Net income | — | — | 482.0 | — | — | 482.0 | 4.7 | 486.7 |
| Other comprehensive income (loss) | — | — | — | 426.8 | — | 426.8 | 19.7 | 446.5 |
| Dividends on common stock (per share \$1.34) | — | — | (296.5) | — | — | (296.5) | — | (296.5) |
| Share-based compensation | — | 10.3 | — | — | — | 10.3 | — | 10.3 |
| Issuance of treasury shares for stock option and award plans | _ | (21.0) | _ | _ | 4.0 | (17.0) | _ | (17.0) |
| Investments by noncontrolling interests | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Other equity transactions | — | (1.1) | (0.7) | — | — | (1.8) | — | (1.8) |
| Balance at 31 December 2020 | \$249.4 | \$1,083.0 | \$15,060.5 | (\$1,713.3) | (\$1,996.0) | \$12,683.6 | \$388.3 | \$13,071.9 |

| | Three Months Ended 31 December 2019 | | | | | | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|----------------------|--|-------------------|--|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| (Millions of dollars, except for per share data) | Common Stock | Capital in Excess of Par Value | Retained Earnings | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) | Treasury Stock | Air Products Shareholders' Equity | Non- controlling Interests | Total Equity |
| Balance at 30 September 2019 | \$249.4 | \$1,070.9 | \$14,138.4 | (\$2,375.6) | (\$2,029.5) | \$11,053.6 | \$334.7 | \$11,388.3 |
| Net income | — | — | 475.6 | _ | — | 475.6 | 13.3 | 488.9 |
| Other comprehensive income (loss) | _ | _ | _ | 287.0 | | 287.0 | 15.2 | 302.2 |
| Dividends on common stock (per share \$1.16) | _ | — | (256.0) | — | _ | (256.0) | — | (256.0) |
| Dividends to noncontrolling interests | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | (1.3) | (1.3) |
| Share-based compensation | _ | 13.9 | _ | _ | _ | 13.9 | — | 13.9 |
| Issuance of treasury shares for stock option and award plans | _ | (18.5) | _ | _ | 6.1 | (12.4) | _ | (12.4) |
| Investments by noncontrolling interests | _ | — | _ | — | _ | — | 11.9 | 11.9 |
| Other equity transactions | — | (4.6) | (1.1) | — | — | (5.7) | — | (5.7) |
| Balance at 31 December 2019 | \$249.4 | \$1,061.7 | \$14,356.9 | (\$2,088.6) | (\$2,023.4) | \$11,556.0 | \$373.8 | \$11,929.8 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

AIR PRODUCTS AND CHEMICALS, INC. and Subsidiaries NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

(Millions of dollars unless otherwise indicated, except for share and per share data)

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1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND MAJOR ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The interim consolidated financial statements of Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. and its subsidiaries ("we," "our," "us," the "Company," "Air Products," or "registrant") included herein have been prepared by us, without audit, pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") have been condensed or omitted pursuant to such rules and regulations. In our opinion, the accompanying statements reflect adjustments necessary to present fairly the financial position, results of operations, and cash flows for those periods indicated and contain adequate disclosures to make the information presented not misleading. Adjustments included herein are of a normal, recurring nature unless otherwise disclosed in the notes to the interim consolidated financial statements. These notes, unless otherwise indicated, are presented on a continuing operations basis.

To fully understand the basis of presentation, the interim consolidated financial statements and related notes included herein should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended 30 September 2020 (the "2020 Form 10-K"). Results of operations for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the results of operations for a full year.

COVID-19 Risks and Uncertainties

The novel strain of coronavirus ("COVID-19"), which was declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization in March 2020, continues to impact our business operations and results globally. Due to numerous uncertainties, including the duration and severity of the outbreak, we are unable to predict the impact that COVID-19 will have on our future financial position and operating results.

Major Accounting Policies

Refer to our 2020 Form 10-K for a description of major accounting policies. In fiscal year 2021, accounting policies related to customer credit losses were impacted by the implementation of certain new accounting guidance, as further discussed below and in Note 2, *New Accounting Guidance*. There were no other notable changes to our accounting policies during the first three months of fiscal year 2021.

Credit Losses

We are exposed to credit losses through sales of products and services. When extending credit, we evaluate customer creditworthiness based on a combination of qualitative and quantitative factors that include, but are not limited to, the customer's credit score from external providers, financial condition, and past payment experience.

We assess allowances for credit losses on our trade receivables and lease receivable portfolios. Allowances are evaluated by portfolio on a collective basis where similar characteristics exist. A provision for customer defaults is made on a general formula basis as the risk of some default is expected but cannot yet be associated with specific customers. The assessment of the likelihood of default is based on various factors, including the length of time the receivables are past due, historical experience, existing economic conditions, and forward-looking information. When we identify specific customers with known collectability issues, the assessment for credit losses is performed on an individual basis, considering current and forward-looking information of the customer.

The use of forward-looking information considers economic conditions that may affect the customers' ability to pay. Although we historically have not experienced significant credit losses, our exposure to credit losses may increase if our customers are adversely affected by economic pressures or uncertainty associated with local or global economic recessions, disruption associated with the current COVID-19 pandemic, or other customer-specific factors. We review our reserves for credit losses on a quarterly basis.

Trade receivables comprise amounts owed to us through our operating activities and are presented net of allowances for credit losses.

Changes to the carrying amount of the allowance for credit losses on trade receivables are summarized below:

| Balance at 30 September 2020 | \$23.9 |
|--|--------|
| Adoption of new credit losses standard | 0.5 |
| Provision for credit losses | 1.0 |
| Write-offs charged against the allowance | (0.8) |
| Currency translation and other | 1.6 |
| Balance at 31 December 2020 | \$26.2 |

Lease receivables, net, primarily relate to sales-type leases on certain on-site assets which are collected over the contract term. As of 31 December 2020 and 30 September 2020, our lease receivables, net were \$903.9 and \$903.0, respectively. Lease receivables, net, are primarily included within "Noncurrent lease receivables" on our consolidated balance sheets, with the remaining balance in "Other receivables and current assets." The majority of our leases are of high credit quality and were originated prior to fiscal year 2017. Allowances for credit losses on lease receivables were not material as of 31 December 2020 and 30 September 2020, respectively.

2. NEW ACCOUNTING GUIDANCE

Accounting Guidance Implemented in Fiscal Year 2021

Credit Losses on Financial Instruments

In June 2016, the FASB issued guidance on the measurement of credit losses, which requires measurement and recognition of expected credit losses for financial assets, including trade receivables and lease receivables, held at the reporting date based on historical experience, current conditions, and reasonable and supportable forecasts. The method to determine a loss is different from the previous guidance, which delayed recognition of a credit loss until it was probable that a loss had been incurred. We adopted this guidance on 1 October 2020 using a modified retrospective approach with an after-tax cumulative-effect adjustment of \$1.3 to retained earnings. Refer to Note 1, *Basis of Presentation and Major Accounting Policies*, for a description of our accounting policy on "Credit Losses."

Cloud Computing Implementation Costs

In August 2018, the FASB issued guidance which aligns the capitalization requirements for implementation costs incurred in a hosting arrangement that is a service contract with the existing capitalization requirements for implementation costs incurred to develop or obtain internal-use software. We adopted this guidance prospectively at the beginning of fiscal year 2021. Eligible implementation costs previously capitalized in "Plant and equipment, net" were reclassified to "Other noncurrent assets" on our consolidated balance sheets beginning in fiscal year 2021. This guidance did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements upon adoption.

Simplifying the Accounting for Income Taxes

In December 2019, the FASB issued an update to simplify the accounting for income taxes and improve consistent application by clarifying or amending existing guidance. We adopted this guidance at the beginning of fiscal year 2021. This guidance did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements upon adoption.

New Accounting Guidance to be Implemented

Reference Rate Reform

In March 2020, the FASB issued an update to provide practical expedients and exceptions for applying GAAP to contracts, hedging relationships and other transactions affected by reference rate reform if certain criteria are met. This update is primarily applicable to our contracts and hedging relationships that reference LIBOR. The amendments may be applied to impacted contracts and hedges prospectively through 31 December 2022. To date, we have had no impacts on our hedging relationships related to reference rate reform. We will continue to evaluate the impact this guidance could have on our consolidated financial statements.



3. REVENUE RECOGNITION

The majority of our revenue is generated from our sale of gas customers within the Industrial Gases regional segments. We distribute gases through either our on-site or merchant supply mode depending on various factors, including the customer's volume requirements and location. The Industrial Gases – Global and the Corporate and other segments serve our sale of equipment customers.

Disaggregation of Revenue

The tables below present our consolidated sales disaggregated by supply mode for each of our reporting segments for the three months ended 31 December 2020 and 2019. We believe this presentation best depicts the nature, timing, type of customer, and contract terms for our sales.

| | Industrial Gases– Americas | Industrial Gases– EMEA | Industrial Gases– Asia | Industrial Gases– Global | Corporate and other | Total | % |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|-------|
| Three Months Ended 31 Decembe | er 2020 | | | | | | |
| On-site | \$541.3 | \$188.7 | \$414.9 | \$— | \$— | \$1,144.9 | 48 % |
| Merchant | 391.7 | 374.3 | 302.6 | _ | _ | 1,068.6 | 45 % |
| Sale of Equipment | — | — | — | 104.5 | 57.2 | 161.7 | 7 % |
| Total | \$933.0 | \$563.0 | \$717.5 | \$104.5 | \$57.2 | \$2,375.2 | 100 % |
| Three Months Ended 31 Decembe | er 2019 | | | | | | |
| On-site | \$534.5 | \$171.4 | \$418.3 | \$— | \$— | \$1,124.2 | 50 % |
| Merchant | 401.7 | 327.3 | 274.5 | _ | | 1,003.5 | 44 % |
| Sale of Equipment | — | — | — | 92.6 | 34.4 | 127.0 | 6 % |
| Total | \$936.2 | \$498.7 | \$692.8 | \$92.6 | \$34.4 | \$2,254.7 | 100 % |

Remaining Performance Obligations

As of 31 December 2020, the transaction price allocated to remaining performance obligations is estimated to be approximately \$23 billion. This amount includes fixed-charge contract provisions associated with our on-site and sale of equipment supply modes. We estimate that approximately half of this revenue will be recognized over approximately the next five years and the balance thereafter.

Expected revenue associated with new on-site plants that are not yet onstream is excluded from this amount. In addition, this amount excludes consideration associated with contracts having an expected duration of less than one year and variable consideration for which we recognize revenue at the amount to which we have the right to invoice, including pass-through costs related to energy and natural gas.

In the future, actual amounts will differ due to events outside of our control, including but not limited to inflationary price escalations, currency exchange rates, and terminated or renewed contracts.

Contract Balances

The table below details balances arising from contracts with customers:

| | Balance Sheet Location | 31 December 2020 | 30 September 2020 |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Assets | | | |
| Contract assets – current | Other receivables and current assets | \$64.9 | \$55.9 |
| Contract fulfillment costs – current | Other receivables and current assets | 140.9 | 109.9 |
| Liabilities | | | |
| Contract liabilities – current | Payables and accrued liabilities | 434.0 | 313.8 |
| Contract liabilities – noncurrent | Other noncurrent liabilities | 58.8 | 57.9 |

Changes to our contract balances primarily relate to our sale of equipment contracts. During the three months ended 31 December 2020, we recognized approximately \$85 in revenue associated with sale of equipment contracts that was included within our contract liabilities as of 30 September 2020.

4. DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS

In the first quarter of fiscal year 2021, we recorded a tax benefit of \$10.3 as a component of discontinued operations. This benefit primarily resulted from the settlement of a state tax appeal related to the gain on the sale of our former Performance Materials Division in fiscal year 2017. The benefit is reflected within "Income from discontinued operations, net of tax" on our consolidated income statement for the three months ended 31 December 2020. The settlement did not have an impact on our statement of cash flows for the first three months of fiscal year 2021.

5. INVENTORIES

The components of inventories are as follows:

| | 31 December 2020 | 30 September 2020 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Finished goods | \$147.7 | \$134.5 |
| Work in process | 23.3 | 21.3 |
| Raw materials, supplies and other | 251.9 | 249.0 |
| Inventories | \$422.9 | \$404.8 |

6. GOODWILL

Changes to the carrying amount of consolidated goodwill by segment for the three months ended 31 December 2020 are as follows:

| | Industrial Gases– Americas | Industrial Gases– EMEA | Industrial Gases– Asia | Industrial Gases– Global | Corporate and other | Total |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Goodwill, net at 30 September 2020 | \$152.6 | \$524.1 | \$180.4 | \$19.5 | \$14.9 | \$891.5 |
| Currency translation and other | 5.1 | 22.8 | 4.1 | 0.4 | — | 32.4 |
| Goodwill, net at 31 December 2020 | \$157.7 | \$546.9 | \$184.5 | \$19.9 | \$14.9 | \$923.9 |
| | | | | 31 Decembe 2020 | er 30 S | September 2020 |

| | 2020 | 2020 |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Goodwill, gross | \$1,298.5 | \$1,230.2 |
| Accumulated impairment losses ^(A) | (374.6) | (338.7) |
| Goodwill, net | \$923.9 | \$891.5 |

(A) Accumulated impairment losses include the impacts of currency translation. These losses are attributable to our Latin America reporting unit ("LASA") within the Industrial Gases – Americas segment.

We review goodwill for impairment annually in the fourth quarter of the fiscal year and whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of goodwill might not be recoverable.

7. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Currency Price Risk Management

Our earnings, cash flows, and financial position are exposed to foreign currency risk from foreign currency-denominated transactions and net investments in foreign operations. It is our policy to seek to minimize our cash flow volatility from changes in currency exchange rates. This is accomplished by identifying and evaluating the risk that our cash flows will change in value due to changes in exchange rates and by executing strategies necessary to manage such exposures. Our objective is to maintain economically balanced currency risk management strategies that provide adequate downside protection.

Forward Exchange Contracts

We enter into forward exchange contracts to reduce the cash flow exposure to foreign currency fluctuations associated with highly anticipated cash flows and certain firm commitments, such as the purchase of plant and equipment. We also enter into forward exchange contracts to hedge the cash flow exposure on intercompany loans and third-party debt. This portfolio of forward exchange contracts consists primarily of Euros and U.S. Dollars. The maximum remaining term of any forward exchange contract currently outstanding and designated as a cash flow hedge at 31 December 2020 is 2.6 years.

Forward exchange contracts are also used to hedge the value of investments in certain foreign subsidiaries and affiliates by creating a liability in a currency in which we have a net equity position. The primary currency pair in this portfolio of forward exchange contracts is Euros and U.S. Dollars.

We also utilize forward exchange contracts that are not designated as hedges. These contracts are used to economically hedge foreign currency-denominated monetary assets and liabilities, primarily working capital. The primary objective of these forward exchange contracts is to protect the value of foreign currency-denominated monetary assets and liabilities from the effects of volatility in foreign exchange rates that might occur prior to their receipt or settlement. This portfolio of forward exchange contracts consists of many different foreign currency pairs, with a profile that changes from time to time depending on business activity and sourcing decisions.

The table below summarizes our outstanding currency price risk management instruments:

| | 31 Deceml | 31 December 2020 | | ber 2020 |
|----------------------------------|--|------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| | Years US\$ Average Notional Maturity | | US\$ Notional | Years Average Maturity |
| Forward Exchange Contracts: | | | | |
| Cash flow hedges | \$2,752.9 | 0.4 | \$2,842.1 | 0.5 |
| Net investment hedges | 694.9 | 3.5 | 636.6 | 3.8 |
| Not designated | 947.8 | 0.3 | 1,685.2 | 0.3 |
| Total Forward Exchange Contracts | \$4,395.6 | 0.9 | \$5,163.9 | 0.8 |

The decrease in the notional value of forward exchange contracts that are not designated is primarily due to maturities.

We also use foreign currency-denominated debt to hedge the foreign currency exposures of our net investment in certain foreign subsidiaries. The designated foreign currency-denominated debt and related accrued interest was €1,306.9 million (\$1,596.4) at 31 December 2020 and €1,288.7 million (\$1,510.8) at 30 September 2020. The designated foreign currency-denominated debt is presented within "Long-term debt" on the consolidated balance sheets.

Debt Portfolio Management

It is our policy to identify, on a continuing basis, the need for debt capital and to evaluate the financial risks inherent in funding the Company with debt capital. Reflecting the result of this ongoing review, our debt portfolio and hedging program are managed with the intent to (1) reduce funding risk with respect to borrowings made by us to preserve our access to debt capital and provide debt capital as required for funding and liquidity purposes, and (2) manage the aggregate interest rate risk and the debt portfolio in accordance with certain debt management parameters.



Interest Rate Management Contracts

We enter into interest rate swaps to change the fixed/variable interest rate mix of our debt portfolio in order to maintain the percentage of fixed- and variable-rate debt within the parameters set by management. In accordance with these parameters, the agreements are used to manage interest rate risks and costs inherent in our debt portfolio. Our interest rate management portfolio generally consists of fixed-to-floating interest rate swaps (which are designated as fair value hedges), pre-issuance interest rate swaps and treasury locks (which hedge the interest rate risk associated with anticipated fixed-rate debt issuances and are designated as cash flow hedges), and floating-to-fixed interest rate swaps (which are designated as cash flow hedges). As of 31 December 2020, the outstanding interest rate swaps were denominated in U.S. Dollars. The notional amount of the interest rate swap agreements is equal to or less than the designated debt being hedged. When interest rate swaps are used to hedge variable-rate debt, the indices of the swaps and the debt to which they are designated are the same. It is our policy not to enter into any interest rate management contracts which lever a move in interest rates on a greater than one-to-one basis.

Cross Currency Interest Rate Swap Contracts

We enter into cross currency interest rate swap contracts when our risk management function deems necessary. These contracts may entail both the exchange of fixed- and floating-rate interest payments periodically over the life of the agreement and the exchange of one currency for another currency at inception and at a specified future date. The contracts are used to hedge either certain net investments in foreign operations or non-functional currency cash flows related to intercompany loans. The current cross currency interest rate swap portfolio consists of fixed-to-fixed swaps primarily between U.S. Dollars and Chinese Renminbi, U.S. Dollars and Indian Rupee, and U.S. Dollars and Chilean Pesos.

The following table summarizes our outstanding interest rate management contracts and cross currency interest rate swaps:

| | | 31 December 2020 | | | | 30 Septem | ber 2020 | |
|---|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| | US\$ Notional | Average Pay % | Average Receive % | Years Average Maturity | US\$ Notional | Average Pay % | Average Receive % | Years Average Maturity |
| Interest rate swaps (fair value hedge) | \$200.0 | LIBOR | 2.76 % | 0.8 | \$200.0 | LIBOR | 2.76 % | 1.1 |
| Cross currency interest rate swaps (net investment hedge) | \$205.6 | 4.30 % | 3.13 % | 3.0 | \$201.6 | 4.27 % | 3.12 % | 3.2 |
| Cross currency interest rate swaps (cash flow hedge) | \$1,099.6 | 4.85 % | 2.94 % | 2.5 | \$1,057.9 | 4.83 % | 2.98 % | 2.5 |
| Cross currency interest rate swaps (not designated) | \$8.8 | 5.39 % | 3.54 % | 2.9 | \$12.8 | 5.39 % | 3.54 % | 3.2 |

The table below provides the amounts recorded on the consolidated balance sheet related to cumulative basis adjustments for fair value hedges:

| | Carrying amounts | s of hedged item | Cumulative hedging a carrying | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Balance Sheet Location | 31 December 2020 | 30 September 2020 | 31 December 2020 | 30 September 2020 |
| Current portion of long-term debt | \$404.2 | \$— | \$4.4 | \$— |
| Long-term debt | | 405.4 | | 5.7 |

The table below summarizes the fair value and balance sheet location of our outstanding derivatives:

| | Balance Sheet Location | 31 December 2020 | 30 September 2020 | Balance Sheet Location | 31 December 2020 | 30 September 2020 |
|---|---|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Derivatives Designated as Hedging Instruments: | | | | | | |
| Forward exchange contracts | Other receivables and current assets | \$97.2 | \$51.1 | Payables and accrued liabilities | \$42.8 | \$22.5 |
| Interest rate management contracts | Other receivables and current assets | 13.1 | 14.7 | Payables and accrued liabilities | 7.2 | 0.4 |
| Forward exchange contracts | Other noncurrent assets | 3.3 | 0.8 | Other noncurrent liabilities | 53.9 | 33.0 |
| Interest rate management contracts | Other noncurrent assets | 14.6 | 44.3 | Other noncurrent liabilities | 32.7 | 1.7 |
| Total Derivatives Designated as Hedging Instruments | | \$128.2 | \$110.9 | | \$136.6 | \$57.6 |
| Derivatives Not Designated as Hedging Instruments: | | | | | | |
| Forward exchange contracts | Other receivables and current assets | \$18.4 | \$31.7 | Payables and accrued liabilities | \$17.2 | \$28.0 |
| Forward exchange contracts | Other noncurrent assets | _ | _ | Other noncurrent liabilities | 0.2 | _ |
| Interest rate management contracts | Other noncurrent assets | | 0.7 | Other noncurrent liabilities | 0.1 | _ |
| Total Derivatives Not Designate as Hedging Instruments | d | \$18.4 | \$32.4 | | \$17.5 | \$28.0 |
| Total Derivatives | | \$146.6 | \$143.3 | | \$154.1 | \$85.6 |

Refer to Note 8, *Fair Value Measurements*, which defines fair value, describes the method for measuring fair value, and provides additional disclosures regarding fair value measurements.

The tables below summarize gains (losses) recognized in other comprehensive income during the period related to our net investment and cash flow hedging relationships:

| | Three Months Decem | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| | 2020 | 2019 |
| Net Investment Hedging Relationships | | |
| Forward exchange contracts | (\$35.9) | (\$9.1) |
| Foreign currency debt | (64.2) | (29.9) |
| Cross currency interest rate swaps | (14.2) | (3.5) |
| Total Amount Recognized in OCI | (114.3) | (42.5) |
| Tax effects | 28.6 | 10.2 |
| Net Amount Recognized in OCI | (\$85.7) | (\$32.3) |

| | Three Months Decem | |
|---|-----------------------|--------|
| | 2020 | 2019 |
| Derivatives in Cash Flow Hedging Relationships | | |
| Forward exchange contracts | \$64.7 | \$26.3 |
| Forward exchange contracts, excluded components | (2.7) | (4.5) |
| Other ^(A) | (45.5) | 2.9 |
| Total Amount Recognized in OCI | 16.5 | 24.7 |
| Tax effects | (2.7) | (2.6) |
| Net Amount Recognized in OCI | \$13.8 | \$22.1 |

(A) Other primarily includes interest rate and cross currency interest rate swaps for which excluded components are recognized in "Payables and accrued liabilities" and "Other receivables and current assets" as a component of accrued interest payable and accrued interest receivable, respectively. These excluded components are recorded in "Other Non-operating income (expense), net" over the life of the cross currency interest rate swap. Other also includes the recognition of our share of gains and losses, net of tax, related to interest rate swaps held by our equity affiliates.

The tables below summarize the location and amounts recognized in income related to our cash flow and fair value hedging relationships by contract type:

| _ | Three Months Ended 31 December | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------------|--------|------------|------------------|----------|----------------------------|
| | Sale | es | Cost of | Sales | Other Income (Expense), Net | | Interest E | Interest Expense | | Operating (pense), t |
| | 2020 | 2019 | 2020 | 2019 | 2020 | 2019 | 2020 | 2019 | 2020 | 2019 |
| Total Amounts Presented in the Consolidated Income Statement in which the Effects of Cash Flow and Fair Value Hedges are Recorded | \$2,375.2 | \$2,254.7 | \$1,632.4 | \$1,486.6 | \$22.5 | \$12.3 | \$36.7 | \$18.7 | \$18.6 | \$9.1 |
| (Gain) Loss Effects of Cash Flow Hedging: | | | | | | | | | | _ |
| Forward Exchange Contracts: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Amount reclassified from OCI into income | \$0.1 | \$0.1 | (\$0.1) | (\$0.2) | \$— | \$— | \$— | \$— | (\$51.6) | (\$23.4) |
| Amount excluded from effectiveness testing recognized in earnings based on amortization approach | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | 2.8 | 4.5 |
| Other: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Amount reclassified from OCI into income ^(A) | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | 1.4 | 1.0 | 45.3 | 13.6 |
| Total (Gain) Loss Reclassified from OCI to Income | 0.1 | 0.1 | (0.1) | (0.2) | _ | _ | 1.4 | 1.0 | (3.5) | (5.3) |
| Tax effects | _ | _ | 0.2 | 0.1 | — | _ | (0.5) | (0.3) | 1.1 | 1.0 |
| Net (Gain) Loss Reclassified from OCI to Income | \$0.1 | \$0.1 | \$0.1 | (\$0.1) | \$— | \$— | \$0.9 | \$0.7 | (\$2.4) | (\$4.3) |
| (Gain) Loss Effects of Fair Value Hedging: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Other: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hedged items | \$— | \$— | \$— | \$— | \$— | \$— | (\$1.3) | (\$0.9) | \$— | \$— |
| Derivatives designated as hedging instruments | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | 1.3 | 0.9 | _ | _ |
| Total (Gain) Loss Recognized in Income | \$— | \$— | \$— | \$— | \$— | \$— | \$— | \$— | \$— | \$— |

(A)

Other primarily includes interest rate and cross currency interest rate swaps for which excluded components are recognized in "Payables and accrued liabilities" and "Other receivables and current assets" as a component of accrued interest payable and accrued interest receivable, respectively. These excluded components are recorded in "Other non-operating income (expense), net" over the life of the cross-currency interest rate swap.

The tables below summarize the location and amounts recognized in income related to our derivatives not designated as hedging instruments by contract type:

| | Three Months Ended 31 December | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|---------|--|
| | Other Income (E | xpense), Net | Other Non-Opera (Expense | | |
| | 2020 | 2019 | 2020 | 2019 | |
| The Effects of Derivatives Not Designated as Hedging Instruments: | | | | | |
| Forward Exchange Contracts | \$2.8 | \$0.2 | (\$1.3) | (\$0.6) | |
| Other | — | — | 0.5 | 0.4 | |
| Total (Gain) Loss Recognized in Income | \$2.8 | \$0.2 | (\$0.8) | (\$0.2) | |

The amount of unrealized gains and losses related to cash flow hedges as of 31 December 2020 that are expected to be reclassified to earnings in the next twelve months is not material.

The cash flows related to all derivative contracts are reported in the operating activities section of the consolidated statements of cash flows.

Credit Risk-Related Contingent Features

Certain derivative instruments are executed under agreements that require us to maintain a minimum credit rating with both Standard & Poor's and Moody's. If our credit rating falls below this threshold, the counterparty to the derivative instruments has the right to request full collateralization on the derivatives' net liability position. The net liability position of derivatives with credit risk-related contingent features was \$90.7 and \$30.0 as of 31 December 2020 and 30 September 2020, respectively. Because our current credit rating is above the various pre-established thresholds, no collateral has been posted on these liability positions.

Counterparty Credit Risk Management

We execute financial derivative transactions with counterparties that are highly rated financial institutions, all of which are investment grade at this time. Some of our underlying derivative agreements give us the right to require the institution to post collateral if its credit rating falls below the pre-established thresholds with Standard & Poor's or Moody's. The collateral that the counterparties would be required to post was \$69.4 and \$76.5 as of 31 December 2020 and 30 September 2020, respectively. No financial institution is required to post collateral at this time as all have credit ratings at or above threshold.

8. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Fair value is defined as an exit price, or the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

The fair value hierarchy prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three broad levels as follows:

- Level 1 Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2 Inputs that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly through market corroboration, for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.
- Level 3 Inputs that are unobservable for the asset or liability based on our own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability.

The methods and assumptions used to measure the fair value of financial instruments are as follows:

Short-term Investments

Short-term investments primarily include time deposits with original maturities greater than three months and less than one year. We estimated the fair value of our short-term investments, which approximates carrying value as of the balance sheet date, using Level 2 inputs within the fair value hierarchy. Level 2 measurements were based on current interest rates for similar investments with comparable credit risk and time to maturity.

Derivatives

The fair value of our interest rate management contracts and forward exchange contracts are quantified using the income approach and are based on estimates using standard pricing models. These models consider the value of future cash flows as of the balance sheet date, discounted to a present value using discount factors that match both the time to maturity and currency of the underlying instruments. These standard pricing models utilize inputs that are derived from or corroborated by observable market data such as interest rate yield curves as well as currency spot and forward rates; therefore, the fair value of our derivatives is classified as a Level 2 measurement. On an ongoing basis, we randomly test a subset of our valuations against valuations received from the transaction's counterparty to validate the accuracy of our standard pricing models. Counterparties to these derivative contracts are highly rated financial institutions.

Refer to Note 7, *Financial Instruments*, for a description of derivative instruments, including details related to the balance sheet line classifications.

Long-term Debt, Including Related Party

The fair value of our debt is based on estimates using standard pricing models that consider the value of future cash flows as of the balance sheet date, discounted to a present value using discount factors that match both the time to maturity and currency of the underlying instruments. These standard valuation models utilize observable market data such as interest rate yield curves and currency spot rates; therefore, the fair value of our debt is classified as a Level 2 measurement. We generally perform the computation of the fair value of these instruments.

The carrying values and fair values of financial instruments were as follows:

| | 31 Decemb | er 2020 | 30 Septemb | er 2020 |
|---|----------------|------------|----------------|------------|
| | Carrying Value | Fair Value | Carrying Value | Fair Value |
| Assets | | | | |
| Derivatives | | | | |
| Forward exchange contracts | \$118.9 | \$118.9 | \$83.6 | \$83.6 |
| Interest rate management contracts | 27.7 | 27.7 | 59.7 | 59.7 |
| Liabilities | | | | |
| Derivatives | | | | |
| Forward exchange contracts | \$114.1 | \$114.1 | \$83.5 | \$83.5 |
| Interest rate management contracts | 40.0 | 40.0 | 2.1 | 2.1 |
| Long-term debt, including current portion and related party | 7,997.7 | 8,477.4 | 7,900.1 | 8,278.4 |

The carrying amounts reported on the consolidated balance sheets for cash and cash items, short-term investments, trade receivables, payables and accrued liabilities, accrued income taxes, and short-term borrowings approximate fair value due to the short-term nature of these instruments. Accordingly, these items have been excluded from the above table.

The following table summarizes assets and liabilities on the consolidated balance sheets that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis:

| | 31 December 2020 | | | | 30 Septem | ber 2020 | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|----------|---------|---------|
| | Total | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 |
| Assets at Fair Value | | | | | | | | |
| Derivatives | | | | | | | | |
| Forward exchange contracts | \$118.9 | \$— | \$118.9 | \$— | \$83.6 | \$— | \$83.6 | \$— |
| Interest rate management contracts | 27.7 | — | 27.7 | — | 59.7 | — | 59.7 | — |
| Total Assets at Fair Value | \$146.6 | \$— | \$146.6 | \$— | \$143.3 | \$— | \$143.3 | \$— |
| Liabilities at Fair Value | | | | | | | | |
| Derivatives | | | | | | | | |
| Forward exchange contracts | \$114.1 | \$— | \$114.1 | \$— | \$83.5 | \$— | \$83.5 | \$— |
| Interest rate management contracts | 40.0 | — | 40.0 | — | 2.1 | — | 2.1 | — |
| Total Liabilities at Fair Value | \$154.1 | \$— | \$154.1 | \$— | \$85.6 | \$— | \$85.6 | \$— |

9. RETIREMENT BENEFITS

The components of net periodic benefit cost for our defined benefit pension plans for the three months ended 31 December 2020 and 2019 were as follows:

| | Pension Benefits | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------|---------------|--------|---------------|--|--|--|
| | 202 | 20 | 202 | 19 | | | |
| Three Months Ended 31 December | U.S. | International | U.S. | International | | | |
| Service cost | \$5.4 | \$5.7 | \$5.8 | \$5.9 | | | |
| Interest cost | 17.2 | 6.1 | 22.8 | 6.2 | | | |
| Expected return on plan assets | (48.6) | (20.2) | (47.2) | (19.5) | | | |
| Prior service cost amortization | 0.3 | — | 0.3 | _ | | | |
| Actuarial loss amortization | 19.7 | 4.6 | 21.0 | 4.9 | | | |
| Other | — | 0.3 | — | 0.2 | | | |
| Net Periodic (Benefit) Cost | (\$6.0) | (\$3.5) | \$2.7 | (\$2.3) | | | |

Our service costs are primarily included within "Cost of sales" and "Selling and administrative" on our consolidated income statements. The amount of service costs capitalized in the first three months of fiscal years 2021 and 2020 were not material. The non-service related impacts are presented outside operating income within "Other non-operating income (expense), net."

For the three months ended 31 December 2020 and 2019, our cash contributions to funded pension plans and benefit payments under unfunded pension plans were \$21.2 and \$8.3, respectively. Total contributions for fiscal year 2021 are expected to be approximately \$45 to \$55. During fiscal year 2020, total contributions were \$37.5.

During the three months ended 31 December 2020, we recognized actuarial gain amortization of \$0.4 for our other postretirement benefits plan. There was no amortization in fiscal year 2020 as the corridor for the plan was not exceeded.

10. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Litigation

We are involved in various legal proceedings, including commercial, competition, environmental, intellectual property, regulatory, product liability, and insurance matters. In September 2010, the Brazilian Administrative Council for Economic Defense ("CADE") issued a decision against our Brazilian subsidiary, Air Products Brasil Ltda., and several other Brazilian industrial gas companies for alleged anticompetitive activities. CADE imposed a civil fine of R\$179.2 million (approximately \$35 at 31 December 2020) on Air Products Brasil Ltda. This fine was based on a recommendation by a unit of the Brazilian Ministry of Justice, whose investigation began in 2003, alleging violation of competition laws with respect to the sale of industrial and medical gases. The fines are based on a percentage of our total revenue in Brazil in 2003.

We have denied the allegations made by the authorities and filed an appeal in October 2010 with the Brazilian courts. On 6 May 2014, our appeal was granted and the fine against Air Products Brasil Ltda. was dismissed. CADE has appealed that ruling and the matter remains pending. We, with advice of our outside legal counsel, have assessed the status of this matter and have concluded that, although an adverse final judgment after exhausting all appeals is possible, such a judgment is not probable. As a result, no provision has been made in the consolidated financial statements. We estimate the maximum possible loss to be the full amount of the fine of R\$179.2 million (approximately \$35 at 31 December 2020) plus interest accrued thereon until final disposition of the proceedings.

We do not currently believe there are any legal proceedings, individually or in the aggregate, that are reasonably possible to have a material impact on our financial condition, results of operations, or cash flows.

Environmental

In the normal course of business, we are involved in legal proceedings under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA," the federal Superfund law), Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA"), and similar state and foreign environmental laws relating to the designation of certain sites for investigation or remediation. Presently, there are 31 sites on which a final settlement has not been reached where we, along with others, have been designated a potentially responsible party by the Environmental Protection Agency or are otherwise engaged in investigation or remediation, including cleanup activity at certain of our current and former manufacturing sites. We continually monitor these sites for which we have environmental exposure.

Accruals for environmental loss contingencies are recorded when it is probable that a liability has been incurred and the amount of loss can be reasonably estimated. The consolidated balance sheets at 31 December 2020 and 30 September 2020 included an accrual of \$83.0 and \$84.7, respectively, primarily as part of other noncurrent liabilities. The environmental liabilities will be paid over a period of up to 30 years. We estimate the exposure for environmental loss contingencies to range from \$82 to a reasonably possible upper exposure of \$96 as of 31 December 2020.

Actual costs to be incurred at identified sites in future periods may vary from the estimates, given inherent uncertainties in evaluating environmental exposures. Using reasonably possible alternative assumptions of the exposure level could result in an increase to the environmental accrual. Due to the inherent uncertainties related to environmental exposures, a significant increase to the reasonably possible upper exposure level could occur if a new site is designated, the scope of remediation is increased, a different remediation alternative is identified, or a significant increase in our proportionate share occurs. We do not expect that any sum we may have to pay in connection with environmental matters in excess of the amounts recorded or disclosed above would have a material adverse impact on our financial position or results of operations in any one year.

Pace

At 31 December 2020, \$41.9 of the environmental accrual was related to the Pace facility.

In 2006, we sold our Amines business, which included operations at Pace, Florida, and recognized a liability for retained environmental obligations associated with remediation activities at Pace. We are required by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection ("FDEP") and the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("USEPA") to continue our remediation efforts. We recognized a before-tax expense of \$42 in fiscal year 2006 in results from discontinued operations and recorded an environmental accrual of \$42 in continuing operations on the consolidated balance sheets.



During the second quarter of fiscal year 2020, we completed an updated cost review of the environmental remediation status at the Pace facility. The review was completed in conjunction with requirements to maintain financial assurance per the Consent Order issued by the FDEP discussed below. Based on our review, we expect ongoing activities to continue for 30 years. Additionally, we will require near-term spending to install new groundwater recovery wells and piping, in addition to future capital to consider the extended time horizon for remediation at the site. As a result of these changes, we increased our environmental accrual for this site by \$19 in continuing operations on the consolidated balance sheets and recognized a before-tax expense of \$19 in results from discontinued operations in the second quarter of fiscal year 2020. There has been no change to the estimated exposure range related to the Pace facility in fiscal year 2021.

We have implemented many of the remedial corrective measures at the Pace facility required under 1995 Consent Orders issued by the FDEP and the USEPA. Contaminated soils have been bioremediated, and the treated soils have been secured in a lined on-site corrective action management unit. Several groundwater recovery systems have been installed to contain and remove contamination from groundwater. We completed an extensive assessment of the site to determine the efficacy of existing measures, what additional corrective measures may be needed, and whether newer remediation technologies that were not available in the 1990s might be suitable to more quickly and effectively remediate groundwater. Based on assessment results, we completed a focused feasibility study that has identified alternative approaches that may more effectively remove contaminants. We continue to review alternative remedial approaches with the FDEP and have started additional field work to support the design of an improved groundwater recovery network with the objective of targeting areas of higher contaminant concentration and avoiding areas of high groundwater iron which has proven to be a significant operability issue for the project. In the first quarter of 2015, we entered into a new Consent Order with the FDEP requiring us to continue our remediation efforts at the Pace facility, along with the completion of a cost review every 5 years. In the second quarter of fiscal year 2020, we completed an updated cost review which resulted in a change in assumptions regarding future operating costs as discussed above.

Piedmont

At 31 December 2020, \$12.2 of the environmental accrual was related to the Piedmont site.

On 30 June 2008, we sold our Elkton, Maryland, and Piedmont, South Carolina, production facilities and the related North American atmospheric emulsions and global pressure sensitive adhesives businesses. In connection with the sale, we recognized a liability for retained environmental obligations associated with remediation activities at the Piedmont site. This site is under active remediation for contamination caused by an insolvent prior owner.

We are required by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control ("SCDHEC") to address both contaminated soil and groundwater. Numerous areas of soil contamination have been addressed, and contaminated groundwater is being recovered and treated. The SCDHEC issued its final approval to the site-wide feasibility study on 13 June 2017 and the Record of Decision for the site on 27 June 2018. Field work has started to support the remedial design, and in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2018, we signed a Consent Agreement Amendment memorializing our obligations to complete the cleanup of the site. We estimate that source area remediation and groundwater recovery and treatment will continue through 2029. Thereafter, we expect this site to go into a state of monitored natural attenuation through 2047.

We recognized a before-tax expense of \$24 in 2008 as a component of income from discontinued operations and recorded an environmental liability of \$24 in continuing operations on the consolidated balance sheets. There have been no significant changes to the estimated exposure.

<u>Pasadena</u>

At 31 December 2020, \$11.4 of the environmental accrual was related to the Pasadena site.

During the fourth quarter of 2012, management committed to permanently shutting down our polyurethane intermediates ("PUI") production facility in Pasadena, Texas. In shutting down and dismantling the facility, we have undertaken certain obligations related to soil and groundwater contaminants. We have been pumping and treating groundwater to control off-site contaminant migration in compliance with regulatory requirements and under the approval of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("TCEQ"). We estimate that the pump and treat system will continue to operate until 2042.

We plan to perform additional work to address other environmental obligations at the site. This additional work includes remediating, as required, impacted soils, investigating groundwater west of the former PUI facility, performing post closure care for two closed RCRA surface impoundment units, and establishing engineering controls. In 2012, we estimated the total exposure at this site to be \$13. There have been no significant changes to the estimated exposure.



Future Lease Obligations

As of 31 December 2020, operating leases that have not yet commenced are estimated to have lease payments totaling approximately \$250.

11. SHARE-BASED COMPENSATION

We have various share-based compensation programs, which include deferred stock units, stock options, and restricted stock. During the three months ended 31 December 2020, we granted market-based and time-based deferred stock units. Under all programs, the terms of the awards are fixed at the grant date. We issue shares from treasury stock upon the payout of deferred stock units, the exercise of stock options, and the issuance of restricted stock awards. At the annual shareholders meeting held on 28 January 2021, the shareholders approved a new Long-Term Incentive Plan ("LTIP"), which has an authorized pool of 1,500,000 shares available for future grant, plus additional shares underlying awards outstanding on the date the LTIP was adopted but that are not issued.

Share-based compensation cost recognized on the consolidated income statements is summarized below:

| | Three Months 31 Decen | |
|--|--------------------------|--------|
| | 2020 | 2019 |
| Before-tax share-based compensation cost | \$9.5 | \$15.4 |
| Income tax benefit | (2.3) | (3.7) |
| After-tax share-based compensation cost | \$7.2 | \$11.7 |

Before-tax share-based compensation cost is primarily included in "Selling and administrative" on our consolidated income statements. The amount of share-based compensation cost capitalized in the first three months of fiscal years 2021 and 2020 was not material.

Deferred Stock Units

During the three months ended 31 December 2020, we granted 76,747 market-based deferred stock units. The market-based deferred stock units are earned over the performance period beginning 1 October 2020 and ending 30 September 2023, conditioned on the level of our total shareholder return in relation to a defined peer group over the three-year performance period.

The market-based deferred stock units had an estimated grant-date fair value of \$235.48 per unit, which was estimated using a Monte Carlo simulation model. The model utilizes multiple input variables that determine the probability of satisfying the market condition stipulated in the grant and calculates the fair value of the awards. We generally expense the grant-date fair value of these awards on a straight-line basis over the vesting period. The calculation of the fair value of market-based deferred stock units used the following assumptions:

| Expected volatility | 29.9 % |
|-------------------------|--------|
| Risk-free interest rate | 0.2 % |
| Expected dividend yield | 2.1 % |

In addition, during the three months ended 31 December 2020, we granted 99,246 time-based deferred stock units at a weighted average grant-date fair value of \$280.51.



12. ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE LOSS

The table below summarizes changes in accumulated other comprehensive loss ("AOCL"), net of tax, attributable to Air Products for the three months ended 31 December 2020:

| | Derivatives qualifying as hedges | Foreign currency translation adjustments | Pension and postretirement benefits | Total |
|---|--|---|---|-------------|
| Balance at 30 September 2020 | (\$54.5) | (\$1,142.8) | (\$942.8) | (\$2,140.1) |
| Other comprehensive income before reclassifications | 13.8 | 415.7 | — | 429.5 |
| Amounts reclassified from AOCL | (1.3) | | 18.3 | 17.0 |
| Net current period other comprehensive income | 12.5 | 415.7 | 18.3 | 446.5 |
| Amount attributable to noncontrolling interests | 4.7 | 15.0 | — | 19.7 |
| Balance at 31 December 2020 | (\$46.7) | (\$742.1) | (\$924.5) | (\$1,713.3) |

The table below summarizes the reclassifications out of AOCL and the affected line item on the consolidated income statements:

| | Three Mont 31 Dece | |
|--|-----------------------|---------|
| | 2020 | 2019 |
| (Gain) Loss on Cash Flow Hedges, net of tax | | |
| Sales/Cost of sales | \$0.2 | \$— |
| Interest expense | 0.9 | 0.7 |
| Other non-operating income (expense), net | (2.4) | (4.3) |
| Total (Gain) Loss on Cash Flow Hedges, net of tax | (\$1.3) | (\$3.6) |
| Pension and Postretirement Benefits, net of tax ^(A) | \$18.3 | \$19.7 |

(A) The components of net periodic benefit cost reclassified out of AOCL include items such as prior service cost amortization, actuarial loss amortization, and settlements and are included in "Other non-operating income (expense), net" on the consolidated income statements. Refer to Note 9, *Retirement Benefits*, for additional information.

13. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share ("EPS"):

| | Three Month | is Ended |
|---|-------------|----------|
| | 31 Dece | mber |
| | 2020 | 2019 |
| Numerator | | |
| Net income from continuing operations | \$471.7 | \$475.6 |
| Net income from discontinued operations | 10.3 | — |
| Net Income Attributable to Air Products | \$482.0 | \$475.6 |
| Denominator (in millions) | | |
| Weighted average common shares — Basic | 221.5 | 220.9 |
| Effect of dilutive securities | | |
| Employee stock option and other award plans | 1.1 | 1.3 |
| Weighted average common shares — Diluted | 222.6 | 222.2 |
| Per Share Data* | | |
| Basic EPS from continuing operations | \$2.13 | \$2.15 |
| Basic EPS from discontinued operations | 0.05 | — |
| Basic EPS Attributable to Air Products | \$2.18 | \$2.15 |
| Diluted EPS from continuing operations | \$2.12 | \$2.14 |
| Diluted EPS from discontinued operations | 0.05 | — |
| Diluted EPS Attributable to Air Products | \$2.17 | \$2.14 |

*EPS is calculated independently for each component and may not sum to total EPS due to rounding.

For the three months ended 31 December 2020 and 2019, there were no antidilutive outstanding share-based awards.

14. INCOME TAXES

Effective Tax Rate

The effective tax rate was 19.3% and 19.8% for the three months ended 31 December 2020 and 2019, respectively.

Cash Paid for Taxes (Net of Cash Refunds)

Income tax payments, net of refunds, were \$73.4 and \$66.2 for the three months ended 31 December 2020 and 2019, respectively.

15. SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Related Party Transactions

We have related party sales to some of our equity affiliates and joint venture partners as well as other income primarily from fees charged for use of Air Products' patents and technology. Sales to and other income from related parties totaled approximately \$50 and \$90 for the three months ended 31 December 2020 and 2019, respectively. Sales agreements with related parties include terms that are consistent with those that we believe would have been negotiated at an arm's length with an independent party. As of 31 December 2020 and 30 September 2020, our consolidated balance sheets included related party trade receivables of approximately \$105 and \$95, respectively.

We also have related party debt primarily resulting from the 2018 acquisition of gasification and syngas clean-up assets from our joint venture partner, Lu'An Clean Energy Company, which partially funded the acquisition with a loan to the joint venture. Total related party debt, including the current portion, was \$355.5 and \$338.5 as of 31 December 2020 and 30 September 2020, respectively.



16. BUSINESS SEGMENT INFORMATION

Our reporting segments reflect the manner in which our chief operating decision maker reviews results and allocates resources. Except in the Industrial Gases – EMEA and Corporate and other segments, each reporting segment meets the definition of an operating segment and does not include the aggregation of multiple operating segments. Our Industrial Gases – EMEA and Corporate and other segments each include the aggregation of two operating segments that meet the aggregation criteria under GAAP.

Our reporting segments are:

- Industrial Gases Americas;
- Industrial Gases EMEA (Europe, Middle East, and Africa);
- Industrial Gases Asia;
- Industrial Gases Global; and
- Corporate and other

| | Industrial Gases – Americas | Industrial Gases – EMEA | Industrial Gases – Asia | Industrial Gases – Global | Corporate and other | Total |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Three Months Ended 31 December 2020 | | | | | | |
| Sales | \$933.0 | \$563.0 | \$717.5 | \$104.5 | \$57.2 | \$2,375.2 ^(A) |
| Operating income (loss) | 225.8 | 141.5 | 214.8 | (4.6) | (38.4) | 539.1 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 151.8 | 55.4 | 107.9 | 2.6 | 6.0 | 323.7 |
| Equity affiliates' income | 22.3 | 25.0 | 19.9 | 2.1 | — | 69.3 |
| Three Months Ended 31 December 2019 | | | | | | |
| Sales | \$936.2 | \$498.7 | \$692.8 | \$92.6 | \$34.4 | \$2,254.7 ^(A) |
| Operating income (loss) | 257.2 | 120.5 | 228.5 | 3.6 | (48.8) | 561.0 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 131.8 | 48.4 | 101.6 | 2.4 | 5.0 | 289.2 |
| Equity affiliates' income | 20.6 | 19.3 | 16.9 | 1.4 | — | 58.2 |
| Total Assets | | | | | | |
| 31 December 2020 | \$6,749.8 | \$4,249.2 | \$7,274.7 | \$485.3 | \$7,329.1 | \$26,088.1 |
| 30 September 2020 | 6,610.1 | 3,917.0 | 6,842.9 | 397.8 | 7,400.7 | 25,168.5 |

(A) The sales information presented above relates to external customers only. All intersegment sales are eliminated in consolidation. Intersegment sales are generally transacted at market pricing. We generally do not have intersegment sales from our regional industrial gases businesses. Equipment manufactured for our regional industrial gases segments are generally transferred at cost and are not reflected as an intersegment sale.

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

First Quarter 2021 in Summary First Quarter 2021 Results of Operations Reconciliations of Non-GAAP Financial Measures Liquidity and Capital Resources Contractual Obligations Pension Benefits Commitments and Contingencies Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements Related Party Transactions Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates New Accounting Guidance

The discussion that follows should be read in conjunction with the interim consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes contained in this quarterly report. Unless otherwise stated, financial information is presented in millions of dollars, except for per share data. Except for net income, which includes the results of discontinued operations, financial information is presented on a continuing operations basis. Comparisons of our results of operations and liquidity and capital resources are for the first quarter of fiscal years 2021 and 2020. The disclosures provided in this quarterly report are complementary to those made in our 2020 Form 10-K.

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The financial measures discussed below are presented in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"), except as noted. We present certain financial measures on an "adjusted" or "non-GAAP" basis because we believe such measures, when viewed together with financial results computed in accordance with GAAP, provide a more complete understanding of the factors and trends affecting our historical financial performance. For each non-GAAP financial measure, including adjusted diluted earnings per share ("EPS"), adjusted EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA margin, and adjusted effective tax rate, we present a reconciliation to the most directly comparable financial measure calculated in accordance with GAAP. These reconciliations and explanations regarding the use of these measures are presented beginning on page 35.

COVID-19 Pandemic

The novel strain of coronavirus ("COVID-19"), which was declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization in March 2020, continues to impact our business operations and results globally. The health and safety policies we implemented at the beginning of the pandemic have allowed us to safely maintain plant operations and reliably supply critical products and services to our customers. As this significant health crisis continues, we remain focused on business continuity while prioritizing the health and well-being of our people.

As further discussed below, COVID-19 negatively impacted our results of operations during the first three months of fiscal year 2021. Given the dynamic nature of these circumstances, we cannot reasonably estimate the future impact on our ongoing business, results of operations, and overall financial performance.

FIRST QUARTER 2021 VS. FIRST QUARTER 2020

FIRST QUARTER 2021 IN SUMMARY

The results below are compared to the first quarter of fiscal year 2020:

- Sales of \$2,375.2 increased 5%, or \$120.5, due to favorable currency, pricing actions, and higher energy and natural gas cost passthrough to customers.
- Operating income of \$539.1 decreased 4%, or \$21.9, and operating margin of 22.7% decreased 220 basis points ("bp").
- Net income of \$486.7 was flat, and net income margin of 20.5% decreased 120 bp.
- Adjusted EBITDA of \$932.1 increased 3%, or \$23.7, and adjusted EBITDA margin of 39.2% decreased 110 bp.
- Diluted EPS of \$2.12 decreased 1%, or \$0.02 per share. We estimate that COVID-19 negatively impacted our first quarter fiscal year 2021 EPS by approximately \$0.10-\$0.15 per share. A summary table of changes in diluted EPS is presented below. There were no non-GAAP adjustments in the first quarters of fiscal years 2021 or 2020 that impacted diluted EPS.

Changes in Diluted EPS Attributable to Air Products

The per share impacts presented in the table below were calculated independently and may not sum to the total change in diluted EPS due to rounding.

| | Three Month | | |
|---|-----------------|--------------|------------------------|
| | 31 Dece 2020 | mber 2019 | Increase (Decrease) |
| Diluted EPS | 2020 | 2019 | (Decrease) |
| Total Diluted EPS | \$2.17 | \$2.14 | \$0.03 |
| Less: Diluted EPS from income from discontinued operations | 0.05 | | 0.05 |
| Diluted EPS From Continuing Operations | \$2.12 | \$2.14 | (\$0.02) |
| Operating Impacts | | | |
| Underlying business | | | |
| Volume | | | (\$0.25) |
| Price, net of variable costs | | | 0.17 |
| Other costs | | | (0.06) |
| Currency | | | 0.06 |
| Total Operating Impacts | | | (\$0.08) |
| Other Impacts | | | |
| Equity affiliates' income | | | \$0.04 |
| Interest expense | | | (0.07) |
| Other non-operating income (expense), net | | | 0.04 |
| Change in effective tax rate | | | 0.01 |
| Noncontrolling interests | | | 0.04 |
| Total Other Impacts | | | \$0.06 |
| Total Change in Diluted EPS From Continuing Operations ^(A) | | | (\$0.02) |

(A) Includes an estimated negative impact of approximately \$0.10-\$0.15 from COVID-19, which includes impacts on our sales and costs.

FIRST QUARTER 2021 RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Discussion of Consolidated Results

| | Three Month | Three Months Ended | | | |
|---------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-----------|----------|--|
| | 31 Decer | | | | |
| | 2020 | 2019 | \$ Change | Change | |
| GAAP Measures | | | | | |
| Sales | \$2,375.2 | \$2,254.7 | \$120.5 | 5 % | |
| Operating income | 539.1 | 561.0 | (21.9) | (4 %) | |
| Operating margin | 22.7 % | 24.9 % | | (220 bp) | |
| Equity affiliates' income | 69.3 | 58.2 | 11.1 | 19 % | |
| Net income | 486.7 | 488.9 | (2.2) | — % | |
| Net income margin | 20.5 % | 21.7 % | | (120 bp) | |
| Non-GAAP Measures | | | | | |
| Adjusted EBITDA | \$932.1 | \$908.4 | \$23.7 | 3 % | |
| Adjusted EBITDA margin | 39.2 % | 40.3 % | | (110 bp) | |

<u>Sales</u>

| Sales % Change from Prior Year | |
|--|------|
| Volume | (1)% |
| Price | 2 % |
| Energy and natural gas cost pass-through | 1 % |
| Currency | 3 % |
| Total Consolidated Sales Change | 5 % |

Sales of \$2,375.2 increased 5%, or \$120.5, as favorable currency impacts of 3%, positive pricing of 2%, and higher energy and natural gas cost pass-through of 1% were partially offset by lower volumes of 1%. Favorable currency was driven by the appreciation of the Chinese Renminbi and the Euro against the U.S. Dollar. Continued focus on pricing actions resulted in price improvement in each of the three regional segments. Volumes declined slightly as new plants, acquisitions, and increased sale-of-equipment activities were more than offset by lower demand from COVID-19 and reduced contribution from the long-term onsite customer in Asia discussed below. We estimate that COVID-19 negatively impacted overall sales by approximately 4%.

Lu'An Clean Energy Company ("Lu'An"), a long-term onsite customer in Asia with which we have a consolidated joint venture, has not restarted its facility following the successful major maintenance work completed at the end of fiscal year 2020. In the first quarter of fiscal year 2021, we agreed with the customer to a short-term reduction in rates until market conditions improve. This reduced sales in our Industrial Gases – Asia segment during the three months ended 31 December 2020. We expect the plant to restart during this fiscal year.

Cost of Sales and Gross Margin

Cost of sales of \$1,632.4 increased 10%, or \$145.8, due to higher costs attributable to sales volumes of \$56, negative currency impacts of \$44, higher other costs of \$27, including planned maintenance, and higher energy and natural gas cost pass-through to customers of \$19. Gross margin of 31.3% decreased 280 bp from 34.1% in the prior year, as the impact of our pricing actions was more than offset by unfavorable volume mix and net operating costs.

Selling and Administrative

Selling and administrative expense of \$202.7 was flat as lower travel expenses and incentive compensation were offset by higher spending for business development resources to support our growth strategy. Selling and administrative expense as a percentage of sales decreased to 8.5% from 8.9%.



Research and Development

Research and development expense of \$23.5 increased 33%, or \$5.8, primarily due to higher product development costs. Research and development expense as a percentage of sales increased to 1.0% from 0.8%.

Other Income (Expense), Net

Other income of \$22.5 increased 83%, or \$10.2, primarily driven by the settlement of a supply contract.

Operating Income and Operating Margin

Operating income of \$539.1 decreased 4%, or \$21.9, as lower volumes of \$71 and higher net operating costs of \$15 were partially offset by positive pricing, net of power and fuel costs, of \$46 and favorable currency of \$18.

Operating margin of 22.7% decreased 220 bp from 24.9% in the prior year, primarily due to lower volumes, including unfavorable volume mix, partially offset by positive pricing.

Equity Affiliates' Income

Equity affiliates' income of \$69.3 increased 19%, or \$11.1, primarily due to higher income from affiliates in India, Italy, Mexico, and Saudi Arabia.

Interest Expense

| | Three Montl 31 Dece | |
|----------------------------|------------------------|--------|
| | 2020 | 2019 |
| Interest incurred | \$42.3 | \$22.4 |
| Less: Capitalized interest | 5.6 | 3.7 |
| Interest expense | \$36.7 | \$18.7 |

Interest incurred increased 89%, or \$19.9, primarily driven by a higher debt balance due to the issuance of U.S. Dollar- and Eurodenominated fixed-rate notes in the third quarter of fiscal year 2020. Capitalized interest increased 51%, or \$1.9, due to a net increase in the carrying value of projects under construction.

Other Non-Operating Income (Expense), Net

Other non-operating income of \$18.6 increased \$9.5. We recorded higher non-service pension income in 2021 due to lower interest costs and higher total assets, primarily for our U.S. pension plans. The current year also included favorable foreign exchange impacts. These factors were partially offset by lower interest income on cash and cash items.

Discontinued Operations

In the first quarter of fiscal year 2021, we recorded a tax benefit of \$10.3 (\$0.05 per share) as a component of discontinued operations. This benefit primarily resulted from the settlement of a state tax appeal related to the gain on the sale of our former Performance Materials Division in fiscal year 2017. The benefit is reflected within "Income from discontinued operations, net of tax" on our consolidated income statement for the three months ended 31 December 2020.

Net Income and Net Income Margin

Net income of \$486.7, including net income from discontinued operations of \$10.3, was flat. Favorable pricing, positive currency, higher equity affiliates' income, and the income from discontinued operations were partially offset by lower volumes and higher costs, including higher planned maintenance. Net income margin of 20.5% decreased 120 bp from 21.7% in the prior year, primarily due to the lower volumes and higher costs, partially offset by higher pricing.

Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA Margin

Adjusted EBITDA of \$932.1 increased 3%, or \$23.7, primarily due to favorable pricing, currency, and equity affiliates' income, partially offset by lower volumes and higher costs, including higher planned maintenance. Adjusted EBITDA margin of 39.2% decreased 110 bp from 40.3% in the prior year, primarily due to the lower volumes and higher costs, partially offset by higher pricing.



Effective Tax Rate

The effective tax rate equals the income tax provision divided by income from continuing operations before taxes. The effective tax rate was 19.3% and 19.8% for the first quarters of fiscal years 2021 and 2020, respectively. The lower current year rate includes the impact of an agreement reached with foreign tax authorities that resolved uncertainties related to unrecognized tax benefits, partially offset by reductions in U.S. benefits on foreign derived income and the impact of enacted foreign tax rate changes.

Discussion of Segment Results

Industrial Gases – Americas

| | Three Month | is Ended | | |
|---------------------------|-------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| | 31 December | | | |
| | 2020 | 2019 | \$ Change | % Change |
| Sales | \$933.0 | \$936.2 | (\$3.2) | — % |
| Operating income | 225.8 | 257.2 | (31.4) | (12 %) |
| Operating margin | 24.2 % | 27.5 % | | (330) bp |
| Equity affiliates' income | 22.3 | 20.6 | 1.7 | 8 % |
| Adjusted EBITDA | 399.9 | 409.6 | (9.7) | (2 %) |
| Adjusted EBITDA margin | 42.9 % | 43.8 % | | (90) bp |

| Sales % Change from Prior Year | |
|--|------|
| Volume | (5)% |
| Price | 3 % |
| Energy and natural gas cost pass-through | 2 % |
| Currency | — % |
| Total Industrial Gases – Americas Sales Change | — % |

Sales of \$933.0 were flat as positive pricing of 3% and higher energy and natural gas cost-pass through of 2% were offset by lower volumes of 5%. The pricing improvement was driven by our merchant business. Lower volumes were driven by lower demand from COVID-19, which began impacting this segment at the end of March 2020. This impact was partially offset by positive contributions from hydrogen assets we acquired in April 2020. Currency was flat versus the prior year.

Operating income of \$225.8 decreased 12%, or \$31.4. The decrease was primarily driven by lower volumes of \$33 and higher net operating costs of \$26, which were largely attributable to higher planned maintenance. These factors were partially offset by higher pricing, net of power and fuel costs, of \$27. Operating margin of 24.2% decreased 330 bp from 27.5% in the prior year, primarily due to the higher net operating costs and lower volumes, partially offset by higher pricing.

Equity affiliates' income of \$22.3 increased 8%, or \$1.7, primarily driven by higher income from affiliates in Mexico.

Industrial Gases – EMEA

| | Three Months | Three Months Ended | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|-----------|----------|--|
| | 31 Decen | | | | |
| | 2020 | 2019 | \$ Change | % Change | |
| Sales | \$563.0 | \$498.7 | \$64.3 | 13 % | |
| Operating income | 141.5 | 120.5 | 21.0 | 17 % | |
| Operating margin | 25.1 % | 24.2 % | | 90 bp | |
| Equity affiliates' income | 25.0 | 19.3 | 5.7 | 30 % | |
| Adjusted EBITDA | 221.9 | 188.2 | 33.7 | 18 % | |
| Adjusted EBITDA margin | 39.4 % | 37.7 % | | 170 bp | |
| Sales % Change from Prior Year | | | | | |
| Volume | | | | 5 % | |
| Price | | | | 3 % | |

| Price | 3 % |
|--|------|
| Energy and natural gas cost pass-through | (1)% |
| Currency | 6 % |
| Total Industrial Gases – EMEA Sales Change | 13 % |

Sales of \$563.0 increased 13%, or \$64.3, as favorable currency of 6%, higher volumes of 5%, and positive pricing of 3% were partially offset by lower energy and natural gas cost-pass through to customers of 1%. Favorable currency was primarily driven by the appreciation of the Euro against the U.S. Dollar. Volumes improved 5% on contributions from our onsite business and the acquisition of an Israeli industrial gas business, primarily offering merchant gas products, in July 2020. These factors were partially offset by lower packaged gas demand from COVID-19, which began impacting this segment at the end of March 2020. The pricing improvement was primarily attributable to our merchant business.

Operating income of \$141.5 increased 17%, or \$21.0, primarily due to higher pricing, net of power and fuel costs, of \$14 and favorable currency of \$6. Operating margin of 25.1% increased 90 bp from 24.2% in the prior year, primarily due to favorable pricing, partially offset by unfavorable volume mix.

Equity affiliates' income of \$25.0 increased 30%, or \$5.7, primarily due to higher income from affiliates in Saudi Arabia and Italy.

Industrial Gases – Asia

| Three Month | Three Months Ended | | | |
|-------------|---|---|--|--|
| 31 December | | | | |
| 2020 | 2019 | \$ Change | % Change | |
| \$717.5 | \$692.8 | \$24.7 | 4 % | |
| 214.8 | 228.5 | (13.7) | (6 %) | |
| 29.9 % | 33.0 % | | (310) bp | |
| 19.9 | 16.9 | 3.0 | 18 % | |
| 342.6 | 347.0 | (4.4) | (1 %) | |
| 47.7 % | 50.1 % | | (240) bp | |
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| Volume | (4)% |
|--|------|
| Price | 1 % |
| Energy and natural gas cost pass-through | 1 % |
| Currency | 6 % |
| Total Industrial Gases – Asia Sales Change | 4 % |

Sales of \$717.5 increased 4%, or \$24.7, as favorable currency of 6%, positive pricing, primarily on our merchant products, of 1%, and higher energy and natural gas cost pass-through to customers of 1% were partially offset by lower volumes of 4%. The favorable currency impact was primarily attributable to the appreciation of the Chinese Renminbi against the U.S. Dollar. The reduced contribution from Lu'An more than offset volume improvements from new plants, while the merchant business remained stable.

Operating income of \$214.8 decreased 6%, or \$13.7, primarily due to lower volumes of \$33, partially offset by favorable currency of \$14 and positive pricing, net of power and fuel costs, of \$5. Operating margin of 29.9% decreased 310 bp from 33.0% in the prior year, primarily due to reduced volume contribution from Lu'An.

Equity affiliates' income of \$19.9 increased 18%, or \$3.0, primarily due to higher income from an affiliate in India.

Industrial Gases - Global

The Industrial Gases – Global segment includes sales of cryogenic and gas processing equipment for air separation and centralized global costs associated with management of all the Industrial Gases segments.

| | Three Months Ended | | | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--------|-----------|----------|--|
| | 31 December | | | | |
| | 2020 | 2019 | \$ Change | % Change | |
| Sales | \$104.5 | \$92.6 | \$11.9 | 13 % | |
| Operating (loss) income | (4.6) | 3.6 | (8.2) | (228 %) | |
| Adjusted EBITDA | 0.1 | 7.4 | (7.3) | (99 %) | |

Sales of \$104.5 increased 13%, or \$11.9, primarily due to higher sale of equipment activity. Despite higher sales, operating loss of \$4.6 increased \$8.2 from income of \$3.6 in the prior year due to higher product development spending. Income from the settlement of a supply contract in the first quarter of 2021 offset income from project activities in the prior year.

Corporate and other

The Corporate and other segment includes our liquefied natural gas ("LNG"), turbo machinery equipment and services, and distribution sale of equipment businesses as well as corporate support functions that benefit all segments. The results of the Corporate and other segment also include income and expense that is not directly associated with the other segments, such as foreign exchange gains and losses.

| | Three Months Ended 31 December | | | | |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------|-----------|----------|--|
| | 2020 | 2019 | \$ Change | % Change | |
| Sales | \$57.2 | \$34.4 | \$22.8 | 66 % | |
| Operating loss | (38.4) | (48.8) | 10.4 | 21 % | |
| Adjusted EBITDA | (32.4) | (43.8) | 11.4 | 26 % | |

Sales of \$57.2 increased 66%, or \$22.8, and operating loss of \$38.4 decreased 21%, or \$10.4, primarily due to higher LNG sale of equipment activity.



RECONCILIATIONS OF NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

(Millions of dollars unless otherwise indicated, except for per share data)

We present certain financial measures, other than in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"), on an "adjusted" or "non-GAAP" basis. On a consolidated basis, these measures include adjusted diluted earnings per share ("EPS"), adjusted EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA margin, and adjusted effective tax rate. On a segment basis, these measures include adjusted EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA margin. In addition to these measures, we also present certain supplemental non-GAAP financial measures to help the reader understand the impact that certain disclosed items, or "non-GAAP adjustments," have on the calculation of our adjusted diluted EPS. For each non-GAAP financial measure, we present a reconciliation to the most directly comparable financial measure calculated in accordance with GAAP.

Our non-GAAP financial measures are not meant to be considered in isolation or as a substitute for the most directly comparable measure calculated in accordance with GAAP. We believe these non-GAAP financial measures provide investors, potential investors, securities analysts, and others with useful information to evaluate the performance of our business because such measures, when viewed together with financial results computed in accordance with GAAP, provide a more complete understanding of the factors and trends affecting our historical financial performance and projected future results.

In many cases, non-GAAP financial measures are determined by adjusting the most directly comparable GAAP measure to exclude non-GAAP adjustments that we believe are not representative of our underlying business performance. For example, we previously excluded certain expenses associated with cost reduction actions, impairment charges, and gains on disclosed transactions. The reader should be aware that we may recognize similar losses or gains in the future. Readers should also consider the limitations associated with these non-GAAP financial measures, including the potential lack of comparability of these measures from one company to another.

When applicable, the tax impact on our pre-tax non-GAAP adjustments reflects the expected current and deferred income tax impact of our non-GAAP adjustments. These tax impacts are primarily driven by the statutory tax rate of the various relevant jurisdictions and the taxability of the adjustments in those jurisdictions.

ADJUSTED DILUTED EPS

There were no non-GAAP adjustments in the first quarter of fiscal year 2021 or 2020 that impacted diluted EPS.

When applicable, the table below provides a reconciliation to the most directly comparable GAAP measure for each of the major components used to calculate adjusted diluted EPS from continuing operations, which we view as a key performance metric. In periods that we have non-GAAP adjustments, we believe it is important for the reader to understand the per share impact of each such adjustment because management does not consider these impacts when evaluating underlying business performance.

| Q1 2021 vs. Q1 2020 | Operating Income | Equity Affiliates' Income | Income Tax Provision | Net Income Attributable to Air Products | Diluted EPS |
|---|---------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|---|----------------|
| 2021 GAAP | \$539.1 | \$69.3 | \$113.9 | \$471.7 | \$2.12 |
| No non-GAAP adjustments | — | — | — | — | — |
| 2021 Non-GAAP Measure ("Adjusted") | \$539.1 | \$69.3 | \$113.9 | \$471.7 | \$2.12 |
| | | | | | |
| 2020 GAAP | \$561.0 | \$58.2 | \$120.7 | \$475.6 | \$2.14 |
| No non-GAAP adjustments | — | — | — | — | — |
| 2020 Non-GAAP Measure ("Adjusted") | \$561.0 | \$58.2 | \$120.7 | \$475.6 | \$2.14 |
| Change GAAP and Non-GAAP Measure ("Adjusted") | | | | | (\$0.02) |
| % Change GAAP and Non-GAAP Measure ("Adjusted") | | | | | (1 %) |



ADJUSTED EBITDA AND ADJUSTED EBITDA MARGIN

We define adjusted EBITDA as net income less income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of tax, and excluding non-GAAP adjustments, which we do not believe to be indicative of underlying business trends, before interest expense, other non-operating income (expense), net, income tax provision, and depreciation and amortization expense. Adjusted EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA margin provide useful metrics for management to assess operating performance. Margins are calculated independently for each period by dividing each line item by consolidated sales for the respective period and may not sum to total margin due to rounding.

The table below presents consolidated sales and a reconciliation of net income on a GAAP basis to adjusted EBITDA and net income margin on a GAAP basis to adjusted EBITDA margin:

| | | Three Months Ended 31 December | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------------------------------|-----------|--------|--|
| | 2020 | 2020 | | 2019 | |
| | \$ | Margin | \$ | Margin | |
| Sales | \$2,375.2 | | \$2,254.7 | | |
| Net income and net income margin | \$486.7 | 20.5 % | \$488.9 | 21.7 % | |
| Less: Income from discontinued operations, net of tax | 10.3 | 0.4 % | _ | % | |
| Add: Interest expense | 36.7 | 1.5 % | 18.7 | 0.8 % | |
| Less: Other non-operating income (expense), net | 18.6 | 0.8 % | 9.1 | 0.4 % | |
| Add: Income tax provision | 113.9 | 4.8 % | 120.7 | 5.4 % | |
| Add: Depreciation and amortization | 323.7 | 13.6 % | 289.2 | 12.8 % | |
| Adjusted EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA margin | \$932.1 | 39.2 % | \$908.4 | 40.3 % | |
| Q1 2021 vs. Q1 2020 | | | | | |
| Change GAAP | | | | | |
| Net income \$ change | | (\$2.2) | | | |
| Net income % change | | — % | | | |
| Net income margin change | | (120) bp | | | |
| Change Non-GAAP | | | | | |
| Adjusted EBITDA \$ change | | \$23.7 | | | |
| Adjusted EBITDA % change | | 3 % | | | |
| Adjusted EBITDA margin change | | (110) bp | | | |

The tables below present sales and a reconciliation of operating income and operating margin by segment to adjusted EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA margin by segment for the three months ended 31 December 2020 and 2019:

| Sales | Industrial Gases– Americas | Industrial Gases– EMEA | Industrial Gases– Asia | Industrial Gases– Global | Corporate and other | Total |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| Q1 2021 | \$933.0 | \$563.0 | \$717.5 | \$104.5 | \$57.2 | \$2,375.2 |
| Q1 2020 | 936.2 | 498.7 | 692.8 | 92.6 | 34.4 | 2,254.7 |
| | Industrial Gases– Americas | Industrial Gases– EMEA | Industrial Gases– Asia | Industrial Gases– Global | Corporate and other | Total |
| Q1 2021 GAAP Measures | | | | | | |
| Operating income (loss) | \$225.8 | \$141.5 | \$214.8 | (\$4.6) | (\$38.4) | \$539.1 |
| Operating margin | 24.2 % | 25.1 % | 29.9 % | | | |
| Q1 2020 GAAP Measures | | | | | | |
| Operating income (loss) | \$257.2 | \$120.5 | \$228.5 | \$3.6 | (\$48.8) | \$561.0 |
| Operating margin | 27.5 % | 24.2 % | 33.0 % | | | |
| Q1 2021 vs. Q1 2020 Change GAAP | | | | | | |
| Operating income/loss \$ change | (\$31.4) | \$21.0 | (\$13.7) | (\$8.2) | \$10.4 | |
| Operating income/loss % change | (12 %) | 17 % | (6 %) | (228 %) | 21 % | |
| Operating margin change | (330) bp | 90 bp | (310) bp | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| Q1 2021 Non-GAAP Measures | | | | | | |
| Operating income (loss) | \$225.8 | \$141.5 | \$214.8 | (\$4.6) | (\$38.4) | \$539.1 |
| Add: Depreciation and amortization | 151.8 | 55.4 | 107.9 | 2.6 | 6.0 | 323.7 |
| Add: Equity affiliates' income | 22.3 | 25.0 | 19.9 | 2.1 | _ | 69.3 |
| Adjusted EBITDA | \$399.9 | \$221.9 | \$342.6 | \$0.1 | (\$32.4) | \$932.1 |
| Adjusted EBITDA margin | 42.9 % | 39.4 % | 47.7 % | | | |
| Q1 2020 Non-GAAP Measures | | | | | | |
| Operating income (loss) | \$257.2 | \$120.5 | \$228.5 | \$3.6 | (\$48.8) | \$561.0 |
| Add: Depreciation and amortization | 131.8 | 48.4 | 101.6 | 2.4 | 5.0 | 289.2 |
| Add: Equity affiliates' income | 20.6 | 19.3 | 16.9 | 1.4 | — | 58.2 |
| Adjusted EBITDA | \$409.6 | \$188.2 | \$347.0 | \$7.4 | (\$43.8) | \$908.4 |
| Adjusted EBITDA margin | 43.8 % | 37.7 % | 50.1 % | | | |
| Q1 2021 vs. Q1 2020 Change Non-GAAP | | | | | | |
| Adjusted EBITDA \$ change | (\$9.7) | \$33.7 | (\$4.4) | (\$7.3) | \$11.4 | |
| Adjusted EBITDA % change | (2 %) | 18 % | (1 %) | (99 %) | 26 % | |
| Adjusted EBITDA margin change | (90) bp | 170 bp | (240) bp | | | |

ADJUSTED EFFECTIVE TAX RATE

There were no non-GAAP adjustments in the first quarter of fiscal year 2021 or 2020 that impacted our effective tax rate.

When applicable, the tax impact of our pre-tax non-GAAP adjustments reflects the expected current and deferred income tax expense associated with each adjustment and is primarily dependent upon the statutory tax rate of the various relevant jurisdictions and the taxability of the adjustments in those jurisdictions.

| | | Three Months Ended 31 December | |
|---|---------|-----------------------------------|--|
| | 2020 | 2019 | |
| Income Tax Provision | \$113.9 | \$120.7 | |
| No non-GAAP adjustments | — | — | |
| Adjusted Income Tax Provision | \$113.9 | \$120.7 | |
| Income From Continuing Operations Before Taxes | \$590.3 | \$609.6 | |
| No non-GAAP adjustments | — | — | |
| Adjusted Income From Continuing Operations Before Taxes | \$590.3 | \$609.6 | |
| Effective and Adjusted Effective Tax Rate | 19.3 % | 19.8 % | |

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Our cash balance and cash flows from operations are our primary sources of liquidity and are generally sufficient to meet our liquidity needs. In addition, we have the flexibility to access capital through a variety of financing activities, including accessing the capital markets, drawing upon our credit facility, or alternatively, accessing the commercial paper markets. At this time, we have not utilized, nor do we expect to access, our credit facility for additional liquidity. In addition, we have considered the impacts of COVID-19 on our liquidity and capital resources and do not expect it to impact our ability to meet future liquidity needs.

As of 31 December 2020, we had \$1,376.9 of foreign cash and cash items compared to total cash and cash items of \$5,788.0. We do not expect that a significant portion of the earnings of our foreign subsidiaries and affiliates will be subject to U.S. income tax upon repatriation to the U.S. Depending on the country in which the subsidiaries and affiliates reside, the repatriation of these earnings may be subject to foreign withholding and other taxes. However, since we have significant current investment plans outside the U.S., it is our intent to permanently reinvest the majority of our foreign cash and cash items that would be subject to additional taxes outside the U.S.

The table below summarizes our cash flows from operating, investing, and financing activities as reflected on the consolidated statements of cash flows:

| | | Three Months Ended 31 December | | |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| Cash Provided By (Used For) | 2020 | 2019 | | |
| Operating activities | \$774.7 | \$667.0 | | |
| Investing activities | 18.2 | (260.7) | | |
| Financing activities | (307.1) | (270.3) | | |

Operating Activities

For the first three months of fiscal year 2021, cash provided by operating activities was \$774.7. Income from continuing operations of \$471.7 was adjusted for items including depreciation and amortization, deferred income taxes, undistributed earnings of equity method investments, gains on sale of assets and investments, share-based compensation, and noncurrent lease receivables. The working capital accounts were a use of cash of \$107.4, primarily driven by \$47.5 from other working capital and \$44.1 from trade receivables, less allowances. The use within "Other working capital" was primarily due to contract fulfillment costs related to sale of equipment projects. The use of cash within trade receivables, less allowances primarily resulted from increased sale of equipment activity.

For the first three months of fiscal year 2020, cash provided by operating activities was \$667.0 which included income from continuing operations of \$475.6. The working capital accounts were a use of cash of \$163.1, primarily

driven by \$115.4 from payables and accrued liabilities and \$41.6 from other working capital. The use of cash within "Payables and accrued liabilities" was primarily driven by a \$45.2 decrease in accrued incentive compensation due to payments on the 2019 annual incentive compensation plan and \$24.9 from the maturity of a forward exchange contract that hedged a foreign currency exposure. The use of other working capital was primarily due to an increase in contract assets and contract fulfillment costs associated with revenue generating project activity.

Cash paid for income taxes, net of cash refunds, was \$73.4 and \$66.2 for the three months ended 31 December 2020 and 2019, respectively.

Investing Activities

For the first three months of fiscal year 2021, cash provided by investing activities was \$18.2. Capital expenditures for plant and equipment were \$664.2. Proceeds from investments of \$855.0 resulted from maturities of time deposits and treasury securities with terms greater than three months and less than one year and exceeded purchases of investments of \$158.5.

For the first three months of fiscal year 2020, cash used for investing activities was \$260.7. Capital expenditures for plant and equipment were \$447.7. Proceeds from investments of \$177.0 resulted from maturities of time deposits with original terms greater than three months but less than one year.

Capital expenditures is a non-GAAP measure that we define as cash flows for additions to plant and equipment, including long-term deposits, acquisitions (less cash acquired), and investment in and advances to unconsolidated affiliates. A reconciliation of cash used for investing activities to our reported capital expenditures is provided below:

| | Three Months | Three Months Ended | |
|--|--------------|--------------------|--|
| | 31 Decem | 31 December | |
| | 2020 | 2019 | |
| Cash (provided by) used for investing activities | (\$18.2) | \$260.7 | |
| Proceeds from sale of assets and investments | 2.6 | 15.2 | |
| Purchases of investments | (158.5) | — | |
| Proceeds from investments | 855.0 | 177.0 | |
| Other investing activities | 3.3 | 1.9 | |
| Capital Expenditures | \$684.2 | \$454.8 | |

The components of our capital expenditures are detailed in the table below:

| | Three Months Ended | | | |
|--|--------------------|-------------|--|--|
| | 31 Deceml | 31 December | | |
| | 2020 | 2019 | | |
| Additions to plant and equipment, including long-term deposits | \$664.2 | \$447.7 | | |
| Investment in and advances to unconsolidated affiliates | 20.0 | 7.1 | | |
| Capital Expenditures | \$684.2 | \$454.8 | | |

Capital expenditures for the first three months of fiscal year 2021 totaled \$684.2 compared to \$454.8 for the first three months of fiscal year 2020. The increase was primarily driven by spending on gasification projects. Additions to plant and equipment also included support capital of a routine, ongoing nature, including expenditures for distribution equipment and facility improvements.

Due to the significant uncertainty that remains regarding the duration of COVID-19, the pace of recovery, and its negative impact on the global economy, we are not providing capital expenditure guidance for fiscal year 2021. We are monitoring our projects to determine whether capital spending and project onstream timing may be delayed for those currently under construction.

Financing Activities

For the first three months of fiscal year 2021, cash used for financing activities was \$307.1 and primarily included dividend payments to shareholders of \$296.2.

For the first three months of fiscal year 2020, cash used for financing activities was \$270.3 and primarily included dividend payments to shareholders of \$255.7.

Financing and Capital Structure

Capital needs for the first three months of fiscal year 2021 were satisfied primarily with cash from operations. Total debt increased from \$7,907.8 at 30 September 2020 to \$8,006.9 at 31 December 2020. The current year total debt balance includes \$355.5 of related party debt, primarily associated with the Lu'An joint venture.

We have a \$2,300.0 five-year revolving credit agreement with a syndicate of banks (the "Credit Agreement") maturing 31 March 2022. Under the Credit Agreement, senior unsecured debt is available to us and certain of our subsidiaries. The Credit Agreement provides us a source of liquidity and supports our commercial paper program. Our only financial covenant under the Credit Agreement is a maximum ratio of total debt to total capitalization, or total debt plus total equity, no greater than 70%. Total debt as of 31 December 2020 and 30 September 2020, expressed as a percentage of total capitalization, defined as total debt plus total equity, was 38.0% and 38.9%, respectively.

There were no outstanding commitments maintained by our foreign subsidiaries as of 31 December 2020.

As of 31 December 2020, we were in compliance with all of the financial and other covenants under our debt agreements.

On 15 September 2011, the Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to \$1,000 of our outstanding common stock. We did not purchase any of our outstanding shares during the first three months of fiscal year 2021. As of 31 December 2020, \$485.3 in share repurchase authorization remained.

Dividends

On 28 January 2021, the Board of Directors increased the quarterly dividend on our common stock to \$1.50 per share, representing a 12% increase from the previous dividend of \$1.34 per share. This is the 39th consecutive year that we have increased our quarterly dividend payment. The dividend is payable on 10 May 2021 to shareholders of record as of 1 April 2021.

CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS

We are obligated to make future payments under various contracts, such as debt agreements, lease agreements, unconditional purchase obligations, and other long-term obligations.

We entered into additional operating lease commitments in the first quarter of fiscal year 2021 with lease terms that commence after 31 December 2020. Refer to Note 10, *Commitments and Contingencies*, to the consolidated financial statements for additional information.

There have been no other material changes to our contractual obligations since 30 September 2020.

PENSION BENEFITS

For the three months ended 31 December 2020 and 2019, net periodic pension (benefit) cost was (\$9.5) and \$0.4, respectively. We recognized service-related costs of \$11.4 and \$11.9, respectively, on our consolidated income statements within operating income. The non-service related benefits of \$20.9 and \$11.5 were included in "Other non-operating income (expense), net" for the three months ended 31 December 2020 and 2019, respectively. The increase to pension income in fiscal year 2021 from an expense in fiscal year 2020 resulted from lower interest cost and higher total assets. The amount of service costs capitalized in the first three months of fiscal years 2021 and 2020 were not material.

We expect total pension settlement losses of approximately \$0 to \$5 in fiscal year 2021.

Management considers various factors when making pension funding decisions, including tax, cash flow, and regulatory implications. For the three months ended 31 December 2020 and 2019, our cash contributions to funded pension plans and benefit payments for unfunded pension plans were \$21.2 and \$8.3, respectively. Total contributions for fiscal year 2021 are expected to be approximately \$45 to \$55. We do not expect COVID-19 to impact our contribution forecast for fiscal year 2021. During fiscal year 2020, total contributions were \$37.5.

Refer to Note 9, Retirement Benefits, to the consolidated financial statements for details on pension cost and cash contributions.



COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Refer to Note 10, *Commitments and Contingencies*, to the consolidated financial statements for information concerning our commitments and contingencies, including litigation and environmental matters.

OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS

There have been no material changes to off-balance sheet arrangements since 30 September 2020. We are not a primary beneficiary in any material variable interest entity. Our off-balance sheet arrangements are not reasonably likely to have a material impact on financial condition, changes in financial condition, results of operations, or liquidity.

RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

See Note 15, Supplemental Information, to the consolidated financial statements for information concerning activity with our related parties.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES

Management's Discussion and Analysis of our financial condition and results of operations is based on the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes that have been prepared in accordance with GAAP. The preparation of these financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Judgments and estimates of uncertainties are required in applying our accounting policies in many areas. However, application of policies that management has identified as critical places significant importance on management's judgment, often as the result of the need to make estimates of matters that are inherently uncertain. If actual results were to differ materially from these estimates, the reported results could be materially affected. A description of our major accounting policies, including those identified as critical, is included in our 2020 Form 10-K.

There have been no changes to our accounting policies or estimates during the first three months of fiscal year 2021 that had a significant impact on our financial condition, change in financial condition, liquidity, or results of operations.

While our results of operations have been negatively affected by COVID-19 as of and for the three months ended 31 December 2020, there has been no triggering event that would require interim impairment testing for any of our asset groups, reporting units that contain goodwill, indefinite-lived intangible assets, or equity method investments. We will continue to evaluate the nature and extent of COVID-19 impacts on our business and any impact they may have on management's estimates, particularly those for our Latin America business. The duration and severity of the COVID-19 outbreak and its long-term impact on our business is uncertain.

NEW ACCOUNTING GUIDANCE

See Note 2, New Accounting Guidance, to the consolidated financial statements for information concerning the implementation and impact of new accounting guidance.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

Information on our utilization of financial instruments and an analysis of the sensitivity of these instruments to selected changes in market rates and prices is included in our 2020 Form 10-K.

Our net financial instrument position increased from a liability of \$8,220.7 at 30 September 2020 to a liability of \$8,484.9 at 31 December 2020. The increase was due to the strengthening of the Euro and Chinese Renminbi against the U.S. Dollar.

Interest Rate Risk

The sensitivity analysis related to the interest rate risk on the fixed portion of our debt portfolio assumes an instantaneous 100 bp move in interest rates from the level at 31 December 2020, with all other variables held constant. A 100 bp increase in market interest rates would result in a decrease of \$683 and \$711 in the net liability position of financial instruments at 31 December 2020 and 30 September 2020, respectively. A 100 bp decrease in market interest rates would result in an increase of \$809 and \$846 in the net liability position of financial instruments at 31 December 2020 and 30 September 2020.

There were no material changes to the sensitivity analysis related to the variable portion of our debt portfolio since 30 September 2020.

Foreign Currency Exchange Rate Risk

The sensitivity analysis related to foreign currency exchange rates assumes an instantaneous 10% change in foreign currency exchange rates from their levels at 31 December 2020, with all other variables held constant. A 10% strengthening or weakening of the functional currency of an entity versus all other currencies would result in a decrease or increase, respectively, of \$389 and \$360 in the net liability position of financial instruments at 31 December 2020 and 30 September 2020, respectively.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

We maintain a comprehensive set of disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act). Under the supervision of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, our management conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of 31 December 2020. Based on that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that, as of 31 December 2020, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

There was no change in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) during the quarter ended 31 December 2020 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.



PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 6. Exhibits.

(a) Exhibits required by Item 601 of Regulation S-K

| Exhibit No. | Description |
|-------------|---|
| (10) | Material Contracts |
| 10.1 | Form of Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement under the Long-Term Incentive Plan of the Company, used for FY2021 awards. |
| 10.2 | Form of Performance Share Award Agreement under the Long-Term Incentive Plan of the Company, used for FY2021 awards. |
| (31) | Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certifications |
| 31.1 | <u>Certification by the Principal Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange</u> Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. |
| 31.2 | <u>Certification by the Principal Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange</u> Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. |
| (32) | Section 1350 Certifications |
| 32.1 | <u>Certification by the Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as</u> adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. † |
| (101) | Interactive Data Files |
| 101.INS | Inline XBRL Instance Document. The XBRL Instance Document does not appear in the Interactive Data File because its XBRL tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document. |
| 101.SCH | Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document. |
| 101.CAL | Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document. |
| 101.LAB | Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document. |
| 101.PRE | Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document. |
| 101.DEF | Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document. |
| 104 | Cover Page Interactive Data File, formatted in Inline XBRL (included in Exhibit 101). |
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† The certification attached as Exhibit 32 that accompanies this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q is not deemed filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is not to be incorporated by reference into any filing of Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, whether made before or after the date of this Form 10-Q, irrespective of any general incorporation language contained in such filing.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. (Registrant)

By:

/s/ M. Scott Crocco

M. Scott Crocco Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)

Date: 4 February 2021

Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. (the "Company") Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement

Company Confidential Communication to: «Participant Name»

You have been granted a Restricted Stock Unit award under the Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. Long-Term Incentive Plan, as amended and restated on 1 October 2014 (the "Plan").

Your FY2021 award consists of «Shares Granted» 4-Year Restricted Stock Units, each Unit being equivalent in value to one share of Common Stock.

Your FY2021 Restricted Stock Unit Award is subject to and contingent upon your agreement to the conditions described in Exhibit A and the terms described in Exhibit B (collectively, the "Conditions"). Please read the Conditions carefully, particularly the descriptions of the "Restrictive Covenants". This letter, together with its Exhibits, constitutes the agreement governing your FY2021 Restricted Stock Unit Award ("Award Agreement"). Your FY2021 Restricted Stock Unit Award is also at all times subject to the applicable provisions of the Plan and to any determinations made by the Management Development and Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors (the "Committee") or its delegate, with respect to your FY2021 Restricted Stock Unit Award as contemplated or permitted by the Plan or the Conditions. By accepting this award, you will be deemed to have accepted and agreed to the terms and conditions of the Award Agreement and the Plan.

None of your FY2021 Restricted Stock Unit Award, this Award Agreement or the Plan constitute a contract of employment; nor do they guarantee your continued employment for any period required for all or any of your FY2021 Restricted Stock Unit Award to vest, become exercisable, be earned or be paid out. Except as otherwise indicated all capitalized words used in this Award Agreement have the meanings described in the Plan.

WITNESSETH the due execution of this Award Agreement by the Company effective as of the 1st day of December 2020 and your acceptance of the Award Agreement intending to be legally bound hereby.

AIR PRODUCTS AND CHEMICALS, INC.

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EXHIBIT A

FY2021 AWARDS UNDER THE PLAN ARE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

In the event the Company determines, in its sole discretion, that you have violated the restrictive covenants set forth in Paragraph 1 (the "Restrictive Covenants"), at any time during your employment, or within two years after termination of your employment from the Company or any Subsidiary, the Company shall be entitled to (i) preliminary and permanent injunctive relief, without the necessity of providing actual damages or posting of a bond, (ii) damages equal to an equitable accounting of all earnings, profits and other benefits arising from such violation of Paragraph 1, (iii) cancel, not deliver, modify, rescind, suspend, withhold, or otherwise limit or restrict any unexpired, unpaid, unexercised or deferred Awards outstanding under the Plan, and (iv) recoup the proceeds from any exercise, payment or delivery of an Award or any shares of Company Common Stock issued pursuant to an Award. In the event that the Company determines that you are subject to recoupment under these Restrictive Covenants, you shall repay the Company the amount determined by the Company, in such manner and on such terms as may be required by the Company, and the Company shall be entitled to set off against the amount due under this provision any amount owed to you by the Company or any Subsidiary (including by causing the cancellation of any outstanding incentive Award due to you).

1. <u>Restrictive Covenants</u>.

- (a) <u>Definitions</u>. For purposes of this Paragraph 1, the following words shall have the following definitions.
 - (i) "<u>Affiliate</u>" of a specified Person shall mean any Person which is under common control with the specified Person, or of which the specified Person is an executive officer, manager, trustee, executor or similar controlling Person.
 - (ii) "<u>Company</u>" shall be deemed to include Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. and the subsidiaries and Affiliates of Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.
 - (iii) "Business of the Company" means the production, manufacturing and distribution of industrial gases, including atmospheric and process gases; the designing and manufacturing of equipment for the production, processing, purification distribution or storage of gases or for natural gas liquefaction; and any other line of business conducted, developed or being developed by the Company during your employment with the Company, in each case, in which you are or were involved during the course of your

employment with the Company or about which you possess Confidential Information.

- (iv) "<u>Confidential Information</u>" means any non-public, proprietary confidential or trade secret information of the Company and/or its customers, including but not limited to, business processes, know-how, practices, methods, plans, research, operations, services, strategies, techniques, formulae, manuals, data, notes, diagrams, customer or vendor information, pricing or cost information, product plans, designs, experimental processes and inventions.
- (v) "<u>Person</u>" means any natural person, corporation, general partnership, limited partnership, limited liability company or partnership, joint venture, proprietorship or other business organization.
- (vi) "<u>Provide Services</u>" means to directly or indirectly, own, manage, control, or participate in the ownership, management or control of, or be employed or engaged by, participate in, serve on the board of directors of, consult with, contribute to, hold a security interest in, render services for, give advice to, provide assistance to or be otherwise affiliated or associated with.
- (vii) "<u>Restricted Area</u>" means any country in which you worked during your employment with the Company, over which you had supervisory responsibility for the Business of the Company while employed by the Company, or with respect to which you have Confidential Information pertaining to the Business of the Company.
- (b) <u>Acknowledgment</u>.
 - You acknowledge and agree that (A) the Business of the Company is intensely competitive and that your employment with the Company has required you to have access to, and knowledge of, Confidential Information, which is of vital importance to the success of the Business of the Company; (B) the use, disclosure or dissemination of any Confidential Information, except on behalf of the Company, could place the Company at a serious competitive disadvantage and could do serious damage, financial and otherwise, to the Business of the Company; and (C) the Company is engaged in business, and has customers, throughout the world.
 - You further understand and acknowledge that the Company invests in customer relationships and as a result, has developed and will develop considerable goodwill with and among its customers. You agree that the Restrictive Covenants articulated herein are necessary to protect the Company's legitimate business interests in its Confidential Information

and goodwill, and that the Company would not have provided the good and valuable consideration set forth in this Award Agreement in absence of such restrictions. You further understand and acknowledge that the Company will be irreparably harmed if you violate the Restrictive Covenants articulated herein.

(c) <u>Confidential Information</u>.

- (i) You hereby expressly acknowledge and agree that the obligations in this Award Agreement are in addition to, and shall not supersede, the obligations you may have pursuant to other agreements with the Company, including, without limitation, your obligations under your Employee Patent and Confidential Information Agreement that you entered into when you were employed by the Company, which shall continue to apply in accordance with its terms.
- (ii) You agree that you have and will at all times hereafter, (A) treat all Confidential Information as strictly confidential; and (B) not directly or indirectly disclose, publish, communicate or make available Confidential Information, or allow it to be disclosed, published, communicated, or made available, in whole or part, to any Person who is not authorized by the Company to know such Confidential Information in the furtherance of the Company's business.
- (d) <u>Non-Disparagement</u>. You agree not to directly or indirectly make, or cause to be made, any statement, observation or opinion that disparages or impugns the business or reputation of the Company, its products, services, agents or employees.
- (e) <u>Permitted Disclosures</u>. Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1833(b), you understand that you will not be held criminally or civilly liable under any Federal or State trade secret law for the disclosure of a trade secret of the Company that (i) is made (A) in confidence to a Federal, State, or local government official, either directly or indirectly, or to your attorney and (B) solely for the purpose of reporting or investigating a suspected violation of law; or (ii) is made in a complaint or other document that is filed under seal in a lawsuit or other proceeding. You understand that if you file a lawsuit for retaliation by the Company for reporting a suspected violation of law, you may disclose the trade secret to your attorney and use the trade secret information in the court proceeding if you (I) file any document containing the trade secret under seal, and (II) do not disclose the trade secret, except pursuant to court order. Nothing in this Award Agreement, or any other agreement you have with the Company, is intended to conflict with 18 U.S.C. § 1833(b) or create liability for disclosures of trade secrets that are expressly allowed by such section. Further, nothing in this Award Agreement or any other agreement you have with the Company shall prohibit or restrict you from making any disclosure of information or documents to any governmental

agency or legislative body, or any self-regulatory organization, in each case, without advance notice to the Company.

- (f) <u>Return of Company Property</u>. You represent that upon request from the Company at any time and, without request, upon termination of your employment with the Company for any reason, you will deliver to the Company all memoranda, notes, records, manuals, or other documents, including all electronic or other copies of such materials and all documentation prepared or produced in connection therewith, containing Confidential Information, which is in your possession, custody and control, whether made or compiled by you or furnished to you by virtue of your employment with the Company. You further represent that you will deliver to the Company all vehicles, computers, credit cards, telephones, handheld electronic devices, office equipment and other property furnished to you by virtue of your employment with the Company.
- (g) <u>Notice</u>. You agree that during your employment with the Company and for two years after your employment with the Company terminates for any reason, you will give the Company ten (10) business days' written notice of your intention to Provide Services to any other Person that engages in or is preparing to engage in the Business of the Company within the Restricted Area. Such written notice must provide sufficiently detailed information so as to allow the Company to determine if you will be in breach of this Award Agreement if you Provide Services to such other Person.
- (h) <u>Non-Competition</u>. During your employment by the Company and for two years after your employment with the Company terminates for any reason, you agree that you will not Provide Services to any Person, other than the Company, that engages in or is preparing to engage in the Business of the Company within the Restricted Area, unless (i) such other Person also engages in lines of business that are separate, distinct and divisible from the Business of the Company conducted by such other Person, and (iii) you do not attend meetings where the Business of the Company conducted by such other Person is discussed or where you could, even inadvertently, disclose Confidential Information. Your passive ownership of not more than one percent (1%) of the capital stock or other ownership or equity interest, or voting power, in a public company, registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, shall not be deemed to be a violation of this paragraph.
- (i) <u>Non-Solicitation; Non-Interference</u>. During your employment by the Company and for two years after your last day of employment with the Company, you also agree that you will not, directly or indirectly without the prior written consent of the Company:
 - (i) encourage, persuade, induce, or attempt to encourage or persuade or induce, any person who is an employee at the grade level of 118 or above,

an officer, or a director of the Company, in each case, to terminate such relationship with the Company; or hire or engage, participate in the hiring or engagement of, or solicit or make an offer of employment or engagement to any employee at the grade level of 118 or above, officer or director of the Company who was employed or engaged by the Company as of your last day of employment with the Company.

- (ii) on behalf of any Person engaged in the Business of the Company (other than the Company) solicit, contact, or attempt to solicit or contact any current, former or prospective customer of the Company whom you had contacted within the twenty-four (24) months prior to your last day of employment with the Company or about whom you have any Confidential Information.
- (iii) encourage or persuade, or attempt to encourage or persuade any (A) customer of the Company, (B) potential customer of the Company during the last twenty-four (24) months of your employment with the Company with which or with whom you knew to be such a potential customer, or (C) prior customer of the Company, in each case, not to do business with the Company or to reduce the amount of business it is doing or might do in the future with or through the Company.
- (j) <u>Tolling</u>. If you violate any of the terms of the Restrictive Covenant obligations articulated herein, the obligation at issue will run from the first date on which you cease to be in violation of such obligation.
- (k) <u>Successors and Assigns</u>. The Award Agreement (including this Paragraph 1) shall inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of the Company. The Company may assign this Award Agreement (including this Paragraph 1), without your consent to, including but not limited to, any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates or to any successor (whether by merger, purchase, bankruptcy, reorganization or otherwise) to all or substantially all of the equity, assets or businesses of the Company. You may not assign the Award Agreement (or the obligations set forth in this Paragraph 1).
- 2. <u>Interpretation</u>. All determinations regarding the interpretation, construction, enforcement, waiver, or modification of this Award Agreement and/or the Plan shall be made in the Administrator's sole discretion and shall be final and binding. Determinations made under this Award Agreement and the Plan need not be uniform and may be made selectively among individuals, whether or not such individuals are similarly situated.
- 3. <u>Conflict</u>. If any of the terms of this Award Agreement in the opinion of the Administrator conflict or are inconsistent with any applicable law or regulation of any governmental agency having jurisdiction, the Administrator reserves the right to modify this Award Agreement to be consistent with applicable laws or regulations.

- 4. <u>Personal Data</u>. You understand and acknowledge that the Company holds certain personal information about you, including but not limited to your name, home address, telephone number, date of birth, social security number, salary, nationality, job title, and details of all Shares awarded, cancelled, vested, unvested, or outstanding (the "personal data"). Certain personal data may also constitute "sensitive personal data" within the meaning of applicable local law. Such data include but are not limited to the information provided above and any changes thereto and other appropriate personal and financial data about you. You hereby provide explicit consent to the Company and any Subsidiary to process any such personal data and sensitive personal data outside the country in which you are employed, and to the United States. The legal persons for whom such personal data are intended are the Company and any third party providing services to the Company in connection with the administration of the Plan.
- 5. <u>Plan Documents</u>. By accepting this award, you acknowledge having received and read this Award Agreement and the Plan, and you consent to receiving information and materials in connection with this Award or any subsequent awards under the Company's long-term performance plans, including without limitation any prospectuses and plan documents, by any means of electronic delivery available now and/or in the future (including without limitation by e-mail, by Website access, and/or by facsimile), such consent to remain in effect unless and until revoked in writing by you. This Award Agreement and the Plan, which is incorporated herein by reference, constitute the entire agreement between you and the Company regarding the terms and conditions of this Award.
- 6. <u>Jurisdiction; Governing Law</u>. Any action arising out of or related to this Award Agreement or the Plan shall be brought exclusively in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, or in any court of general jurisdiction in Allentown, Pennsylvania; you and the Company consent to personal jurisdiction in any such court and waive any objection to the laying of venue of any such suit, action or proceeding in any such court. This Award Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania without reference to its principles of conflict/choice of law. You and the Company also irrevocably and unconditionally consent to the service of any process, pleadings, notices, or other papers with respect thereto. YOU AND THE COMPANY IRREVOCABLY AGREE TO WAIVE TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY ACTION, PROCEEDING, CLAIM, OR COUNTERCLAIM BROUGHT BY OR ON BEHALF OF ANY PARTY RELATED TO OR ARISING OUT OF THIS AWARD AGREEMENT.
- 7. <u>Modification; Severability</u>. If any court of competent jurisdiction finds any provision of this Award Agreement, and particularly the covenants set forth in Paragraph 1, or portion thereof, to not be fully enforceable, it is the intention and desire of the parties that the provision be fully enforced to the extent the court finds them enforceable and, if necessary, that the court modify any provisions of this Award Agreement to the extent

deemed necessary by the court to render them reasonable and enforceable and that the court enforce them to such extent. To the extent that such provisions cannot be modified, it is the intention of the parties that the provisions be severable and that the invalidity of any one or more provisions of this Award Agreement shall not affect the legality, validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Award Agreement. If Paragraph 1 is unenforceable in its entirety, then this Award Agreement shall be considered null and void *ab initio*.

- 8. <u>Waiver</u>. The failure of the Company to enforce any terms, provisions or covenants of this Exhibit shall not be construed as a waiver of the same or of the right of the Company to enforce the same. Waiver by the Company of any breach or default by you of any term or provision of the Award Agreement (including these Restrictive Covenants) shall not operate as a waiver of any other breach or default.
- 9. <u>No Contract</u>. None of your FY2021 Restricted Stock Unit Awards, this Award Agreement, nor the Plan constitute a contract of employment; nor do they guarantee your continued employment for any period required for all or any of your Awards to vest or become exercisable.

EXHIBIT B

RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS

<u>Grant of Restricted Stock Units</u>. Restricted Stock Units ("Units") are granted to you subject to the terms of the Plan, as amended from time to time, and the terms and conditions of this Award Agreement. The Units are "Deferred Stock Units" as described in Section 9 of the Plan. The Deferral Period for Units begins on 1 December 2020 and ends on 1 December 2024.

<u>Payment of Restricted Stock Units</u>. Each Unit granted to you represents the value of one share of Common Stock. Payment in respect of the Units will be delivered in shares of Common Stock, cash, or both, as determined by the Committee or its delegate, in its sole discretion, as soon as administratively practical following the end of the Deferral Period (but in no event later than 60 days thereafter) or at such other time as is specified below.

<u>Dividends</u>. No cash dividends or other amounts shall be payable with respect to the Units during the Deferral Period. At the end of the Deferral Period, for each Unit that has not been forfeited, you will also be entitled to receive a cash payment equal to the dividends which would have been paid with respect to a share of Company Common Stock during the Deferral Period without interest ("Dividend Equivalents").

<u>Termination of Employment</u>. Except as provided below (with respect to a qualifying "Involuntary Termination," as such term is defined below), if your employment by the Company and all of its affiliates is terminated for any reason prior to 1 December 2021, all of your Units will be automatically forfeited in their entirety. If your employment by the Company and all its affiliates terminates on or after 1 December 2021, but during the Deferral Period, other than due to death, Disability, Retirement or a termination by the Company without Cause, all of your Units will be automatically forfeited in their entirety. For purposes of this Award Agreement, a termination without Cause by the Company during the Deferral Period shall be referred to as an "Involuntary Termination".

If your employment by the Company and all its affiliates is terminated on or after 1 December 2021, but during the Deferral Period, due to death, Disability, or Retirement, you will vest in all of your Units.

If your employment is terminated at any time during the Deferral Period (including before 1 December 2021) due to Involuntary Termination and you execute a general release of claims in favor of the Company within 50 days following your termination in a form satisfactory to the Administrator (a "Release"), you will vest in a pro-rata portion of your Units (which portion shall be based on the number of full months you worked during the Deferral Period and the total number of months in the Deferral Period) and all of your remaining Units will be forfeited. If you do not execute a Release, all of your Units will be automatically forfeited in their entirety.

With respect to an Involuntary Termination that also meets the definition of Retirement: (i) if services to the Company are terminated before 1 December 2021, such termination of

employment shall be deemed to be, and shall be treated as, an Involuntary Separation for purposes of this Award Agreement; and (ii) if the services to the Company are terminated on or after 1 December 2021 and prior to the end of the Deferral Period, such termination of employment shall be deemed to be, and shall be treated as, a Retirement for purposes of this Award Agreement.

In the event of your termination of employment due to Disability or Retirement on or after 1 December 2021 and prior to the end of the Deferral Period, payment in respect of the Units due to you and of related Dividend Equivalents shall be made as soon as administratively practical following the end of the Deferral Period (but in no event later than 60 days thereafter).

If your employment by the Company and all its affiliates terminates during the Deferral Period due to Involuntary Termination, payment in respect of Units that have not been forfeited and of related Dividend Equivalents shall be made as soon as administratively practical following your termination (but in no event later than 60 days thereafter).

If your employment by the Company and all its affiliates terminates on or after 1 December 2021 and prior to the end of the Deferral Period due to death, payment in respect of Units due to you and of related Dividend Equivalents shall be made as soon as practicable following your death (but in no event later than 60 days thereafter) to your Designated Beneficiary or, if none, your legal representative.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary above, if your employment by the Company and its affiliates is terminated and such termination constitutes a "Termination of Employment" within the meaning of the Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. Executive Separation Program (the "Program") and the Administrator of the Program determines you are entitled to the benefits of the Program, your outstanding Awards under this Agreement shall be treated in accordance with the Program.

<u>Recoupment</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary above, any Units and any related Dividend Equivalents paid to you may be recouped by the Company within three years of their payment in the event that: (i) the payment of such Units is predicated upon the achievement of financial results that are subsequently the subject of a restatement; (ii) the Committee determines in its sole discretion that you engaged in misconduct that caused or partially caused the need for the restatement; and (iii) the Units would not have been paid or a lesser amount of Units would have been paid based upon the restated financial results. In the event of any such recoupment, you shall pay to the Company the amount of any gain realized or payment received as a result of any recouped payment, in such manner and on such terms as may be required, and the Company shall be entitled to reduce any amount owed to you (including by causing the cancellation of any outstanding incentive Award due to you) by the Company or any Subsidiary by such gain or payment.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Award Agreement, in the event the Company is required to prepare an accounting restatement due to its material noncompliance with any financial reporting requirement, the Company may recover from you any amounts or awards

which it is required to recover under Section 10D of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or any other applicable law or securities exchange listing standard.

<u>Taxes</u>. The Company shall have the right to deduct from all Awards hereunder paid or any payment in respect of an Award, any federal, state, local or foreign taxes required or permitted by law to be withheld. In the case of a payment in respect of Units made in Common Stock, the Company shall reduce number of the shares of Common Stock to be distributed by an amount with a value equal to the value of such taxes required or permitted to be withheld.

<u>Adjustments</u>. In the event of any change in the outstanding shares of Common Stock of the Company or the occurrence of certain other events as described in Section 12 of the Plan, an equitable adjustment of the number of Units covered by this Award Agreement shall be made as provided in the Plan.

<u>Code section 409A</u>. It is intended that the provisions of this Award Agreement avoid the adverse consequences under section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code"), and all provisions of the Award Agreement shall be construed and interpreted in a manner consistent with that intent. The Administrator reserves the right to make amendments to the Award Agreement as the Administrator deems necessary or desirable to avoid the imposition of taxes or penalties under section 409A of the Code. In any case, you shall be solely responsible and liable for the satisfaction of all taxes and penalties that may be imposed on you or for your account in connection with an Award (including any taxes and penalties under section 409A of the Code), and neither the Company nor any of its affiliates shall have any obligation to indemnify or otherwise hold you harmless from any or all of such taxes or penalties.

Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. (the "Company") Performance Share Award Agreement

Company Confidential Communication to: «Participant Name»

You have been granted a Performance Share award under the Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. Long-Term Incentive Plan, as amended and restated on 1 October 2014 (the "Plan").

Your FY2021 award consists of «Shares Granted» Deferred Stock Units with a three year performance period, each unit (a "Performance Share") being equivalent in value to one share of Common Stock.

Your FY2021 Performance Share Award is subject to and contingent upon your agreement to the conditions described in Exhibit A and the terms described in Exhibit B (collectively, the "Conditions"). Please read the Conditions carefully, particularly the descriptions of the "Restrictive Covenants". This letter, together with its Exhibits, constitutes the agreement governing your FY2021 Performance Share Award ("Award Agreement"). Your FY2021 Performance Share Award is also at all times subject to the applicable provisions of the Plan and to any determinations made by the Management Development and Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors (the "Committee") or its delegate, with respect to your FY2021 Performance Share Award as contemplated or permitted by the Plan or the Conditions. By accepting this award, you will be deemed to have accepted and agreed to the terms and conditions of the Award Agreement and the Plan.

None of your FY2021 Performance Share Award, this Award Agreement or the Plan constitute a contract of employment; nor do they guarantee your continued employment for any period required for all or any of your FY2021 Performance Share Award to vest, become exercisable, be earned or be paid out. Except as otherwise indicated all capitalized words used in this Award Agreement have the meanings described in the Plan.

WITNESSETH the due execution of this Award Agreement by the Company effective as of the 1st day of December 2020 and your acceptance of the Award Agreement intending to be legally bound hereby.

AIR PRODUCTS AND CHEMICALS, INC.

By:

Sij. Ghasemi

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EXHIBIT A

FY2021 AWARDS UNDER THE PLAN ARE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

In the event the Company determines, in its sole discretion, that you have violated the restrictive covenants set forth in Paragraph 1 (the "Restrictive Covenants"), at any time during your employment, or within two years after termination of your employment from the Company or any Subsidiary, the Company shall be entitled to (i) preliminary and permanent injunctive relief, without the necessity of providing actual damages or posting of a bond, (ii) damages equal to an equitable accounting of all earnings, profits and other benefits arising from such violation of Paragraph 1, (iii) cancel, not deliver, modify, rescind, suspend, withhold, or otherwise limit or restrict any unexpired, unpaid, unexercised or deferred Awards outstanding under the Plan, and (iv) recoup the proceeds from any exercise, payment or delivery of an Award or any shares of Company Common Stock issued pursuant to an Award In the event that the Company determines that you are subject to recoupment under these Restrictive Covenants, you shall repay the Company the amount determined by the Company in such manner and on such terms as may be required by the Company, and the Company shall be entitled to set off against the amount due under this provision any amount owed to you by the Company or any Subsidiary (including by causing the cancellation of any outstanding incentive Award due to you).

1. <u>Restrictive Covenants</u>.

- i. <u>Definitions</u>. For purposes of this Paragraph 1, the following words shall have the following definitions.
 - 1. "<u>Affiliate</u>" of a specified Person shall mean any Person which is under common control with the specified Person, or of which the specified Person is an executive officer, manager, trustee, executor or similar controlling Person.
 - 2. "<u>Company</u>" shall be deemed to include Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. and the subsidiaries and Affiliates of Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.
 - 3. "<u>Business of the Company</u>" means the production, manufacturing and distribution of industrial gases, including atmospheric and process gases; the designing and manufacturing of equipment for the production, processing, purification distribution or storage of gases or for natural gas liquefaction; and any other line of business conducted, developed or being developed by the Company during your employment with the Company, in each case, in which you are or were involved during the course of your employment with the Company or about which you possess Confidential Information.

- 4. "<u>Confidential Information</u>" means any non-public, proprietary confidential or trade secret information of the Company and/or its customers, including but not limited to, business processes, know-how, practices, methods, plans, research, operations, services, strategies, techniques, formulae, manuals, data, notes, diagrams, customer or vendor information, pricing or cost information, product plans, designs, experimental processes and inventions.
- 5. "<u>Person</u>" means any natural person, corporation, general partnership, limited partnership, limited liability company or partnership, joint venture, proprietorship or other business organization.
- 6. "<u>Provide Services</u>" means to directly or indirectly, own, manage, control, or participate in the ownership, management or control of, or be employed or engaged by, participate in, serve on the board of directors of, consult with, contribute to, hold a security interest in, render services for, give advice to, provide assistance to or be otherwise affiliated or associated with.
- 7. "<u>Restricted Area</u>" means any country in which you worked during your employment with the Company, over which you had supervisory responsibility for the Business of the Company while employed by the Company, or with respect to which you have Confidential Information pertaining to the Business of the Company.

ii. <u>Acknowledgment</u>.

- 1. You acknowledge and agree that (A) the Business of the Company is intensely competitive and that your employment with the Company has required you to have access to, and knowledge of, Confidential Information, which is of vital importance to the success of the Business of the Company; (B) the use, disclosure or dissemination of any Confidential Information, except on behalf of the Company, could place the Company at a serious competitive disadvantage and could do serious damage, financial and otherwise, to the Business of the Company; and (C) the Company is engaged in business, and has customers, throughout the world.
- 2. You further understand and acknowledge that the Company invests in customer relationships and as a result, has developed and will develop considerable goodwill with and among its customers. You agree that the Restrictive Covenants articulated herein are necessary to protect the Company's legitimate business interests in its Confidential Information and goodwill, and that the Company would not have provided the good and valuable consideration set forth in this Award Agreement in absence of such restrictions. You further understand and acknowledge that the

Company will be irreparably harmed if you violate the Restrictive Covenants articulated herein.

- iii. <u>Confidential Information</u>.
 - 1. You hereby expressly acknowledge and agree that the obligations in this Award Agreement are in addition to, and shall not supersede, the obligations you may have pursuant to other agreements with the Company, including, without limitation, your obligations under your Employee Patent and Confidential Information Agreement that you entered into when you were employed by the Company, which shall continue to apply in accordance with its terms.
 - 2. You agree that you have and will at all times hereafter, (A) treat all Confidential Information as strictly confidential; and (B) not directly or indirectly disclose, publish, communicate or make available Confidential Information, or allow it to be disclosed, published, communicated, or made available, in whole or part, to any Person who is not authorized by the Company to know such Confidential Information in the furtherance of the Company's business.
- iv. <u>Non-Disparagement</u>. You agree not to directly or indirectly make, or cause to be made, any statement, observation or opinion that disparages or impugns the business or reputation of the Company, its products, services, agents or employees.
- v. <u>Permitted Disclosures</u>. Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1833(b), you understand that you will not be held criminally or civilly liable under any Federal or State trade secret law for the disclosure of a trade secret of the Company that (i) is made (A) in confidence to a Federal, State, or local government official, either directly or indirectly, or to your attorney and (B) solely for the purpose of reporting or investigating a suspected violation of law; or (ii) is made in a complaint or other document that is filed under seal in a lawsuit or other proceeding. You understand that if you file a lawsuit for retaliation by the Company for reporting a suspected violation of law, you may disclose the trade secret to your attorney and use the trade secret information in the court proceeding if you (I) file any document containing the trade secret under seal, and (II) do not disclose the trade secret, except pursuant to court order. Nothing in this Award Agreement, or any other agreement you have with the Company, is intended to conflict with 18 U.S.C. § 1833(b) or create liability for disclosures of trade secrets that are expressly allowed by such section. Further, nothing in this Award Agreement or any other agreement you have with the Company shall prohibit or restrict you from making any disclosure of information or documents to any governmental agency or legislative body, or any self-regulatory organization, in each case, without advance notice to the Company.

- vi. <u>Return of Company Property</u>. You represent that upon request from the Company at any time and, without request, upon termination of your employment with the Company for any reason, you will deliver to the Company all memoranda, notes, records, manuals, or other documents, including all electronic or other copies of such materials and all documentation prepared or produced in connection therewith, containing Confidential Information, which is in your possession, custody and control, whether made or compiled by you or furnished to you by virtue of your employment with the Company. You further represent that you will deliver to the Company all vehicles, computers, credit cards, telephones, handheld electronic devices, office equipment and other property furnished to you by virtue of your employment with the Company.
- vii. <u>Notice</u>. You agree that during your employment with the Company and for two years after your employment with the Company terminates for any reason, you will give the Company ten (10) business days' written notice of your intention to Provide Services to any other Person that engages in or is preparing to engage in the Business of the Company within the Restricted Area. Such written notice must provide sufficiently detailed information so as to allow the Company to determine if you will be in breach of this Award Agreement if you Provide Services to such other Person.
- viii. <u>Non-Competition</u>. During your employment by the Company and for two years after your employment with the Company terminates for any reason, you agree that you will not Provide Services to any Person, other than the Company, that engages in or is preparing to engage in the Business of the Company within the Restricted Area, unless (i) such other Person also engages in lines of business that are separate, distinct and divisible from the Business of the Company conducted by such other Person, and (iii) you do not attend meetings where the Business of the Company conducted by such other Person is discussed or where you could, even inadvertently, disclose Confidential Information. Your passive ownership of not more than one percent (1%) of the capital stock or other ownership or equity interest, or voting power, in a public company, registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, shall not be deemed to be a violation of this paragraph.
- ix. <u>Non-Solicitation; Non-Interference</u>. During your employment by the Company and for two years after your last day of employment with the Company, you also agree that you will not, directly or indirectly without the prior written consent of the Company:
 - 1. encourage, persuade, induce, or attempt to encourage or persuade or induce, any person who is an employee at the grade level of 118 or above, an officer, or a director of the Company, in each case, to terminate such relationship with the Company; or hire or engage, participate in the hiring

or engagement of, or solicit or make an offer of employment or engagement to any employee at the grade level of 118 or above, officer or director of the Company who was employed or engaged by the Company as of your last day of employment with the Company.

- 2. on behalf of any Person engaged in the Business of the Company (other than the Company) solicit, contact, or attempt to solicit or contact any current, former or prospective customer of the Company whom you had contacted within the twenty-four (24) months prior to your last day of employment with the Company or about whom you have any Confidential Information.
- 3. encourage or persuade, or attempt to encourage or persuade any (A) customer of the Company, (B) potential customer of the Company during the last twenty-four (24) months of your employment with the Company with which or with whom you knew to be such a potential customer, or (C) prior customer of the Company, in each case, not to do business with the Company or to reduce the amount of business it is doing or might do in the future with or through the Company.
- x. <u>Tolling</u>. If you violate any of the terms of the Restrictive Covenant obligations articulated herein, the obligation at issue will run from the first date on which you cease to be in violation of such obligation.
- xi. <u>Successors and Assigns</u>. The Award Agreement (including this Paragraph 1) shall inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of the Company. The Company may assign this Award Agreement (including this Paragraph 1), without your consent to, including but not limited to, any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates or to any successor (whether by merger, purchase, bankruptcy, reorganization or otherwise) to all or substantially all of the equity, assets or businesses of the Company. You may not assign the Award Agreement (or the obligations set forth in this Paragraph 1).
- a. <u>Interpretation</u>. All determinations regarding the interpretation, construction, enforcement, waiver, or modification of this Award Agreement and/or the Plan shall be made in the Administrator's sole discretion and shall be final and binding. Determinations made under this Award Agreement and the Plan need not be uniform and may be made selectively among individuals, whether or not such individuals are similarly situated.
- b. <u>Conflict</u>. If any of the terms of this Award Agreement in the opinion of the Administrator conflict or are inconsistent with any applicable law or regulation of any governmental agency having jurisdiction, the Administrator reserves the right to modify this Award Agreement to be consistent with applicable laws or regulations.

- c. <u>Personal Data</u>. You understand and acknowledge that the Company holds certain personal information about you, including but not limited to your name, home address, telephone number, date of birth, social security number, salary, nationality, job title, and details of all Shares awarded, cancelled, vested, unvested, or outstanding (the "personal data"). Certain personal data may also constitute "sensitive personal data" within the meaning of applicable local law. Such data include but are not limited to the information provided above and any changes thereto and other appropriate personal and financial data about you. You hereby provide explicit consent to the Company and any Subsidiary to process any such personal data and sensitive personal data outside the country in which you are employed, and to the United States. The legal persons for whom such personal data are intended are the Company and any third party providing services to the Company in connection with the administration of the Plan.
- d. <u>Plan Documents</u>. By accepting this award, you acknowledge having received and read this Award Agreement and the Plan, and you consent to receiving information and materials in connection with this Award or any subsequent awards under the Company's long-term performance plans, including without limitation any prospectuses and plan documents, by any means of electronic delivery available now and/or in the future (including without limitation by e-mail, by Website access, and/or by facsimile), such consent to remain in effect unless and until revoked in writing by you. This Award Agreement and the Plan, which is incorporated herein by reference, constitute the entire agreement between you and the Company regarding the terms and conditions of this Award.
- e. <u>Jurisdiction; Governing Law</u>. Any action arising out of or related to this Award Agreement or the Plan shall be brought exclusively in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, or in any court of general jurisdiction in Allentown, Pennsylvania; you and the Company consent to personal jurisdiction in any such court and waive any objection to the laying of venue of any such suit, action or proceeding in any such court. This Award Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania without reference to its principles of conflict/choice of law. You and the Company also irrevocably and unconditionally consent to the service of any process, pleadings, notices, or other papers with respect thereto. YOU AND THE COMPANY IRREVOCABLY AGREE TO WAIVE TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY ACTION, PROCEEDING, CLAIM, OR COUNTERCLAIM BROUGHT BY OR ON BEHALF OF ANY PARTY RELATED TO OR ARISING OUT OF THIS AWARD AGREEMENT.
- f. <u>Modification; Severability</u>. If any court of competent jurisdiction finds any provision of this Award Agreement, and particularly the covenants set forth in Paragraph 1, or portion thereof, to not be fully enforceable, it is the intention and desire of the parties that the provision be fully enforced to the extent the court finds them enforceable and, if necessary, that the court modify any provisions of this Award Agreement to the extent

deemed necessary by the court to render them reasonable and enforceable and that the court enforce them to such extent. To the extent that such provisions cannot be modified, it is the intention of the parties that the provisions be severable and that the invalidity of any one or more provisions of this Award Agreement shall not affect the legality, validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Award Agreement. If Paragraph 1 is unenforceable in its entirety, then this Award Agreement shall be considered null and void *ab initio*.

- g. <u>Waiver</u>. The failure of the Company to enforce any terms, provisions or covenants of this Exhibit shall not be construed as a waiver of the same or of the right of the Company to enforce the same. Waiver by the Company of any breach or default by you of any term or provision of the Award Agreement (including these Restrictive Covenants) shall not operate as a waiver of any other breach or default.
- h. <u>No Contract</u>. None of your FY2021 Performance Share Awards, this Award Agreement, nor the Plan constitute a contract of employment; nor do they guarantee your continued employment for any period required for all or any of your Awards to vest or become exercisable.

EXHIBIT B

PERFORMANCE SHARES

<u>Grant of Performance Shares.</u> Performance Shares are granted to you subject to the terms of the Plan, as amended from time to time and the terms and conditions described in this Award Agreement. The Performance Shares are "Deferred Stock Units" as described in Section 9 of the Plan. The Deferral Period will begin on 1 December 2020 and will end on 1 December 2023.

<u>Payment of Deferred Stock Units.</u> The Performance Shares granted to you will be earned in accordance with the formula indicated in Attachment IV based on Air Products' relative "Total Shareholder Return" in relation to the "Peer Group" (as such terms are defined in Attachment IV) over the three fiscal year performance period beginning 1 October 2020 and ending 30 September 2023 (the "Performance Period"). Subject to the conditions described in this Award Agreement, Performance Shares earned and not forfeited (including in the event of your termination of employment prior to the end of the Deferral Period) shall be paid in shares of Common Stock, cash, or both, as determined by the Committee or its delegate, in its sole discretion, as soon as administratively practical following the end of the Deferral Period (but in no event later than 60 days thereafter).

<u>Dividends</u>. No cash dividends or other amounts shall be payable with respect to the Performance Shares during the Deferral Period. At the end of the Deferral Period, for each earned Performance Share that has not been forfeited, you will also be entitled to receive a cash payment equal to the dividends which would have been paid with respect to a share of Company Common Stock during the Deferral Period without interest ("Dividend Equivalents").

<u>Termination of Employment</u>. Except as provided below (with respect to a qualifying "Involuntary Termination" as such term is defined below), if your employment by the Company and all of its affiliates is terminated for any reason prior to 1 December 2021, all of your Performance Shares will be automatically forfeited in their entirety. If your employment by the Company and all its affiliates terminates on or after 1 December 2021, but during the Deferral Period, other than due to death, Disability, Retirement or a termination by the Company without Cause, all of your Performance Shares will be automatically forfeited in their entirety. For purposes of this Award Agreement, a termination without Cause by the Company during the Deferral Period shall be referred to as an "Involuntary Termination".

If your employment by the Company and all its affiliates is terminated on or after 1 December 2021, but during the Deferral Period, due to death, Disability, or Retirement, you will vest in a pro-rata portion of your earned Performance Shares, based on actual financial performance, as determined by the Committee in its sole discretion, (which portion in each case shall be based on the number of full months you worked during the Performance Period before your termination of employment *divided by* **36**) and your remaining Performance Shares will be forfeited.

If your employment is terminated at any time during the Deferral Period (including before 1 December 2021) due to Involuntary Termination and you execute a general release of claims in

favor of the Company within 50 days following your termination in a form satisfactory to the Administrator (a "Release"), you will vest in a pro-rata portion of your earned Performance Shares, based on actual financial performance, as determined by the Committee in its sole discretion, (which portion shall be based on the number of full months you worked during the Performance Period before your termination of employment *divided by* **36**) and all of your remaining Performance Shares will be forfeited. If you do not execute a Release, all of your Performance Shares will be automatically forfeited in their entirety.

With respect to an Involuntary Termination that also meets the definition of a Retirement, (i) if services to the Company are terminated before 1 December 2021, such termination of employment shall be deemed to be, and shall be treated as, an Involuntary Separation for purposes of this Award Agreement; and (ii) if services to the Company are terminated on or after 1 December 2021 and prior to the end of the Deferral Period, such termination of employment shall be deemed to be, and shall be treated as, a Retirement for purposes of this Award Agreement.

In the event of your termination of employment due to Retirement on or after 1 December 2021 and prior to the end of the Deferral Period, payment in respect of the Performance Shares due to you and of related Dividend Equivalents shall be made as soon as administratively practical following the end of the Deferral Period (but in no event later than 60 days thereafter).

In the event of your termination of employment due to Disability on or after 1 December 2021 and prior to the end of the Deferral Period, payment in respect of the Performance Shares due to you and of related Dividend Equivalents shall be made as soon as administratively practical following the end of the Deferral Period (but in no event later than 60 days thereafter).

If your employment by the Company and all its affiliates terminates at any time prior to the end of the Deferral Period due to Involuntary Termination, payment in respect of Performance Shares that have not been forfeited and of related Dividend Equivalents shall be made as soon as administratively practical following the end of the Deferral Period (but in no event later than 60 days thereafter).

If your employment by the Company and all its affiliates terminates on or after 1 December 2021 and prior to the end of the Deferral Period due to death, payment in respect of earned Performance Shares that have not been forfeited and of related Dividend Equivalents shall be made, as soon as practical after the end of the Deferral Period following your death (but in no event later than 60 days thereafter), to your Designated Beneficiary or, if none, your legal representative.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary above, if your employment by the Company and its affiliates is terminated and such termination constitutes a "Termination of Employment" within the meaning of the Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. Executive Separation Program (the "Program") and the Administrator of the Program determines you are entitled to the benefits of the Program, your outstanding Awards under this Agreement shall be treated in accordance with the Program.

<u>Recoupment</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary above, any Performance Shares earned or paid and any related Dividend Equivalents paid to you may be recouped by the Company within three years of their payment in the event that: (i) the earning of such Performance Shares is predicated upon the achievement of financial results that are subsequently the subject of a restatement; (ii) the Committee determines in its sole discretion that you engaged in misconduct that caused or partially caused the need for the restatement; and (iii) the Performance Shares would not have been earned or a lesser amount of Performance Shares would have been earned based upon the restated financial results. In the event of any such recoupment, you shall pay to the Company the amount of any gain realized or payment received as a result of any recouped payment, in such manner and on such terms as may be required, and the Company shall be entitled to reduce any amount owed to you (including by causing the cancellation of any outstanding incentive Award due to you) by the Company or any Subsidiary by such gain or payment.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Award Agreement, in the event the Company is required to prepare an accounting restatement due to its material noncompliance with any financial reporting requirement, the Company may recover from you any amounts or awards which it is required to recover under Section 10D of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or any other applicable law or securities exchange listing standard.

<u>Taxes</u>. The Company shall have the right to deduct from all Awards hereunder paid or any payment in respect of an Award, any federal, state, local or foreign taxes required or permitted by law to be withheld. In the case of a payment in respect of Performance Shares made in Common Stock, the Company shall reduce number of the shares of Common Stock to be distributed by an amount with a value equal to the value of such taxes required or permitted to be withheld.

<u>Adjustments</u>. In the event of any change in the outstanding shares of Common Stock of the Company or the occurrence of certain other events as described in Section 12 of the Plan, an equitable adjustment of the number of Performance Shares covered by this Award Agreement shall be made as provided in the Plan.

<u>Code section 409A</u>. It is intended that the provisions of this Award Agreement avoid the adverse consequences under section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code"), and all provisions of the Award Agreement shall be construed and interpreted in a manner consistent with that intent. The Administrator reserves the right to make amendments to the Award Agreement as the Administrator deems necessary or desirable to avoid the imposition of taxes or penalties under section 409A of the Code. In any case, you shall be solely responsible and liable for the satisfaction of all taxes and penalties that may be imposed on you or for your account in connection with an Award (including any taxes and penalties under section 409A of the Code), and neither the Company nor any of its affiliates shall have any obligation to indemnify or otherwise hold you harmless from any or all of such taxes or penalties.

FY2021-2023 Performance Share Payout Schedule

1. Performance Shares Earned. For the avoidance of doubt, capitalized terms that are otherwise not defined in this Attachment IV will have the same definition as in the Award Agreement. The number of Performance Shares earned will be determined in accordance with the following formula:

(PERFORMANCE SHARES AWARDED) x (PAYOUT FACTOR) = (PERFORMANCE SHARES EARNED)

2. Payout Factor. The "Payout Factor" is the percentage determined under this Section 2. The Payout Factor is based on the Company's TSR Percentile Rank among the Peer Group for the Performance Period. The "Initial Payout Factor" is determined in accordance with the following schedule:

| Company's TSR Percentile Rank | Initial Payout Factor |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| \geq 75 th %ile | 200% |
| \geq 50 th %ile | 100% |
| \geq 30 th %ile | 30% |
| < 30 th %ile | 0% |

The Initial Payout Factor will be interpolated for TSR Percentile Rank between discrete points, from a minimum Initial Payout Factor of 30 percentage points to a maximum Initial Payout Factor of 200 percentage points

The Initial Payout Factor will be increased by 15 percentage points to determine the maximum Payout Factor (the "Maximum Payout Factor"), but in no event will the Maximum Payout Factor exceed 215 percentage points. The Committee, in its discretion, may decrease the Maximum Payout Factor by up to 30 percentage points (*i.e.*, a decrease of 15 percentage points from the Initial Payout Factor) to determine the Payout Factor. The Committee, in its discretion, may adjust the amount of any individual's payout, but the Payout Factor used for such payout may not exceed the Maximum Payout Factor.

3. Definitions.

"Beginning Price" means, with respect to the Company's and any other Peer Group member's common stock, the average of the closing sale prices of a share of such common stock on the principal exchange on which such stock is traded for the thirty (30) calendar days preceding the first day of the of the Performance Period.

"Ending Price" means, with respect to the Company's and any other Peer Group member's common stock, the average of the closing sale prices of a share of such company's common stock on the principal exchange on which such stock is traded for thirty (30) calendar days ending with the last day of the Performance Period.

The "Peer Group," for purposes of calculating the TSR Percentile Rank, shall be the following companies:

| Company Name | Company Name | |
|----------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Celanese Corporation | Illinois Tool Works Inc | |
| The Chemours Company | Ingersoll-Rand | |
| Dover Corporation | Linde plc | |
| DuPont | Olin Corp | |
| Eastman Chemical | Parker-Hannifin Corp | |
| Ecolab | PPG Industries, Inc. | |
| Huntsman Corporation | Westlake Chemical Corp | |

The Peer Group may be modified by the Committee in the event of the merger, acquisition or bankruptcy of a Peer Group member. The Peer Group may also be modified by the Committee in connection with a corporate transaction of the Company.

"Total Shareholder Return" or "TSR" shall be the percent increase/decrease in value that would be experienced from purchasing a share of the Company's or a Peer Group member's common stock at the Beginning Price and holding it for the Performance Period and selling at the Ending Price of such a share, assuming that dividends and other distributions are reinvested in additional shares of such stock at the closing market price on the ex-dividend date. Any non-cash distributions shall be valued at market value that shall be determined by the Committee.

"TSR Rank" means the ranking of the Company's TSR among the TSRs for the Peer Group members for the Performance Period. TSR Rank is determined by ordering the Peer Group members and the Company from highest to lowest based on TSR for the Performance Period and counting down from the company with the highest TSR (ranked first) to the Company's position on the list. If two companies are ranked equally, the ranking of the next company shall account for the tie, so that if one company is ranked first, and two companies are tied for second, the next company is ranked fourth. In the event of any ambiguity, the determination of the Committee shall be final and binding.

4. TSR Percentile Rank. The TSR Percentile Rank will be determined as follows:

The nth ranked company out of the N companies (including Air Products) would have the following TSR Percentile Rank

TSR Percentile Rank = $\frac{(N-n)}{(N-1)}$

That is, if Air Products ranked 5th out of 16 companies, its TSR Percentile Rank would be 73.3% ((16-5)/(16-1)), which would give an Initial Payout Factor of 193.3%.

PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S CERTIFICATION

I, Seifi Ghasemi, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report of Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.;

2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;

3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;

4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:

(a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;

(b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;

(c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and

(d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and

5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):

(a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and

(b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: 4 February 2021

/s/ Seifi Ghasemi

Seifi Ghasemi Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER'S CERTIFICATION

I, M. Scott Crocco, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report of Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.;

2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;

3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;

4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:

(a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;

(b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;

(c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and

(d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and

5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):

(a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and

(b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: 4 February 2021

/s/ M. Scott Crocco

M. Scott Crocco Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ending 31 December 2020, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), we, Seifi Ghasemi, Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, and M. Scott Crocco, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- 1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- 2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: 4 February 2021

/s/ Seifi Ghasemi Seifi Ghasemi

Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer

/s/ M. Scott Crocco

M. Scott Crocco Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer