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

**SCHEDULE TO**  
(RULE 14d-100)

Tender Offer Statement Pursuant to Section 14(d)(1) or 13(e)(1) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. 51)

**AIRGAS, INC.**  
(Name of Subject Company)

**AIR PRODUCTS DISTRIBUTION, INC.**  
(Offeror)

**AIR PRODUCTS AND CHEMICALS, INC.**  
(Parent of Offeror)  
(Names of Filing Persons)

COMMON STOCK, \$0.01 PAR VALUE  
(Title of Class of Securities)

009363102  
(Cusip Number of Class of Securities)

John D. Stanley, Esq.  
Senior Vice President and General Counsel  
Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.  
7201 Hamilton Boulevard  
Allentown, PA 18195-1501  
(610) 481-4911  
(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices  
and Communications on Behalf of Filing Persons)

*Copies to:*  
James C. Woolery, Esq.  
Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP  
Worldwide Plaza  
825 Eighth Avenue  
New York, New York 10019-7475  
(212) 474-1000

**CALCULATION OF FILING FEE**

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**Transaction Valuation\***

\$5,885,204,080.00

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**Amount of Filing Fee\*\***

\$419,615.05

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\* Estimated for purposes of calculating the amount of filing fee only. Transaction value derived by multiplying 84,074,344 (number of shares of common stock of subject company (which represents the number of shares issued and outstanding as of November 3, 2010, as reported in the subject company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed on November 5, 2010)) by \$70.00 (the purchase price per share offered by Offeror).

\*\* The filing fee was calculated in accordance with Rule 0-11 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Fee Rate Advisory #3 for fiscal year 2011, issued December 3, 2010, by multiplying the transaction value by .00007130.

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Check box if any part of the fee is offset as provided by Rule 0-11(a)(2) and identify the filing with which the offsetting fee was previously paid. Identify the previous filing by registration statement number, or the Form or Schedule and the date of its filing.

Amount Previously Paid: \$353,917.33 Filing Party: Air Products Distribution, Inc./  
Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.

Form or Registration No.: Schedule TO Date Filed: February 11, 2010

Amount Previously Paid: \$23,999.18 Filing Party: Air Products Distribution, Inc./  
Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.

Form or Registration No.: Schedule TO Date Filed: July 8, 2010

Amount Previously Paid: \$12,820.32 Filing Party: Air Products Distribution, Inc./  
Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.

Form or Registration No.: Schedule TO Date Filed: September 7, 2010

Amount Previously Paid: \$28,878.22 Filing Party: Air Products Distribution, Inc./  
Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.

Form or Registration No.: Schedule TO Date Filed: December 9, 2010

Check the box if the filing relates solely to preliminary communications made before the commencement of a tender offer.

Check the appropriate boxes below to designate any transactions to which the statement relates:

third-party tender offer subject to Rule 14d-1.

issuer tender offer subject to Rule 13e-4.

going-private transaction subject to Rule 13e-3.

amendment to Schedule 13D under Rule 13d-2.

Check the following box if the filing is a final amendment reporting the results of the tender offer.

If applicable, check the appropriate box(es) below to designate the appropriate rule provision(s) relied upon:

Rule 13e-4(i) (Cross-Border Issuer Tender Offer)

Rule 14d-1(d) (Cross-Border Third-Party Tender Offer)

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This Amendment No. 51 to the Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO amends and supplements the Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 11, 2010 (together with any amendments and supplements thereto, the "Schedule TO") by Air Products and Chemicals, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Air Products"), and Air Products Distribution, Inc. (the "Purchaser"), a Delaware corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of Air Products. The Schedule TO relates to the offer by the Purchaser to purchase all outstanding shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (together with the associated preferred stock purchase rights, the "Shares"), of Airgas, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Airgas"), at \$70.00 per Share, net to the seller in cash, without interest and less any required withholding taxes, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Offer to Purchase, dated February 11, 2010 (together with any amendments and supplements thereto, the "Offer to Purchase"), and in the related Letter of Transmittal (which, together with any amendments and supplements thereto, collectively constitute the "Offer").

**Item 12.**

Item 12 of the Schedule TO is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

(a)(5)(lxxix) Text of press release issued by Air Products, dated December 22, 2010.

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**SIGNATURE**

After due inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: December 22, 2010

**AIR PRODUCTS AND CHEMICALS, INC.**

By: /s/ Paul E. Huck

Name: Paul E. Huck

Title: Senior Vice President and Chief Financial  
Officer

**AIR PRODUCTS DISTRIBUTION, INC.**

By: /s/ John D. Stanley

Name: John D. Stanley

Title: Secretary

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- (a)(5)(xxi) Text of press release issued by Air Products, dated June 1, 2010 (incorporated by reference to the Schedule 14A filed with the SEC by Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. and Air Products Distribution, Inc. on June 1, 2010).\*
- (a)(5)(xxii) Amended and restated transcript of Paul Huck's presentation, dated May 18, 2010 (incorporated by reference to the Schedule 14A filed with the SEC by Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. and Air Products Distribution, Inc. on June 3, 2010).\*
- (a)(5)(xxiii) Slides from presentation of John McGlade at the Sanford C. Bernstein Strategic Decisions Conference, dated June 3, 2010 (incorporated by reference to the Schedule 14A filed with the SEC by Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. and Air Products Distribution, Inc. on June 3, 2010).\*
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- (a)(5)(xxx) Preliminary Proxy Statement in respect of Airgas, Inc. filed by Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. and Air Products Distribution, Inc. on June 16, 2010 (incorporated by reference to the Schedule 14A filed with the SEC by Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. and Air Products Distribution, Inc. on June 16, 2010).\*
- (a)(5)(xxxii) Slides from presentation of John McGlade at the William Blair 30th Annual Growth Stock Conference, dated June 17, 2010 (incorporated by reference to the Schedule 14A filed with the SEC by Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. and Air Products Distribution, Inc. on June 17, 2010). Exhibit (a)(5)(xxxii) refers to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. For clarification, such safe harbor provisions do not apply to forward looking statements made in connection with the Offer.\*
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- (a)(5)(xxxv) Letter to the Airgas Board, dated July 9, 2010 (incorporated by reference to the Schedule 14A filed with the SEC by Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. and Air Products Distribution, Inc. on July 9, 2010).\*
- (a)(5)(xxxvi) Amendment No. 1 to the Preliminary Proxy Statement in respect of Airgas, Inc. filed by Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. and Air Products Distribution, Inc. on July 9, 2010 (incorporated by reference to the Schedule 14A filed with the SEC by Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. and Air Products Distribution, Inc. on July 9, 2010).\*
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- (a)(5)(xli) Text of press release issued by Air Products (including text of letter sent to Airgas stockholders on July 22, 2010), dated July 22, 2010 (incorporated by reference to the Schedule 14A filed with the SEC by Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. and Air Products Distribution, Inc. on July 22, 2010). Exhibit (a)(5)(xli) refers to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. For clarification, such safe harbor provisions do not apply to forward looking statements made in connection with the Offer.\*
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- (a)(5)(l) Text of press release issued by Air Products (including text of letter sent to Airgas stockholders on August 19, 2010), dated August 19, 2010 (incorporated by reference to the Schedule 14A filed with the SEC by Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. and Air Products Distribution, Inc. on August 19, 2010). Exhibit (a)(5)(l) refers to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. For clarification, such safe harbor provisions do not apply to forward looking statements made in connection with the Offer.\*
- (a)(5)(li) Text of press release issued by Air Products, dated August 24, 2010 (incorporated by reference to the Schedule 14A filed with the SEC by Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. and Air Products Distribution, Inc. on August 24, 2010). Exhibit (a)(5)(li) refers to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. For clarification, such safe harbor provisions do not apply to forward looking statements made in connection with the Offer.\*
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- (a)(5)(liv) Presentation of Air Products to RiskMetrics, dated September 2, 2010 (incorporated by reference to the Schedule 14A filed with the SEC by Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. and Air Products Distribution, Inc. on September 2, 2010). Exhibit (a)(5)(liv) refers to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. For clarification, such safe harbor provisions do not apply to forward looking statements made in connection with the Offer.\*
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- (b)(1) Commitment letter described in Section 10, "Source and Amount of Funds" of the Offer to Purchase.\*
- (b)(2) Amended and Restated Commitment Letter dated March 3, 2010 among Air Products and Chemicals, Inc., JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. and J.P. Morgan Securities Inc.\*
- (b)(3) Accession Letter dated March 3, 2010 among Air Products and Chemicals, Inc., The Royal Bank of Scotland plc and RBS Securities Inc.\*
- (b)(4) Accession Letter dated March 3, 2010 among Air Products and Chemicals, Inc., Deutsche Bank AG Cayman Island Branch and Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.\*
- (b)(5) Accession Letter dated March 3, 2010 among Air Products and Chemicals, Inc., BNP Paribas and BNP Paribas Securities Corp.\*
- (b)(6) Accession Letter dated March 3, 2010 among Air Products and Chemicals, Inc., HSBC Securities (USA) Inc. and HSBC Bank USA, N.A.\*
- (b)(7) Accession Letter dated March 3, 2010 between Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. and The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd.\*
- (b)(8) Credit Agreement dated March 31, 2010 among Air Products and Chemicals, Inc., the lenders parties thereto and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent.\*
- (d) Not applicable.
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### Air Products Responds to Airgas Board's Rejection of Best and Final Offer

LEHIGH VALLEY, Pa. (December 22, 2010) – Air Products (NYSE: APD) today responded to the rejection by the Board of Directors of Airgas, Inc. (NYSE: ARG) of Air Products' \$70 per share cash offer.

John E. McGlade, chairman, president and chief executive officer, said, "We have made clear that \$70 per share is our best and final offer for Airgas. We know the market for industrial gases extremely well, and have offered a full and fair price for this business. Airgas shareholders should understand that the forecasts relied on by the Airgas Board and its three financial advisors were provided solely by Airgas management and were not independently developed or verified. The fact is that no other bidder has emerged since we made our offer public over 10 months ago, and many Airgas shareholders have recently come out and publicly supported our \$70 offer. If the Airgas Board is so confident that Airgas is worth at least \$78 per share, it should redeem its poison pill and let shareholders decide for themselves whether they want to accept \$70 per share in cash now. Our offer expires on January 14."

Air Products serves customers in industrial, energy, technology and healthcare markets worldwide with a unique portfolio of atmospheric gases, process and specialty gases, performance materials, and equipment and services. Founded in 1940, Air Products has built leading positions in key growth markets such as semiconductor materials, refinery hydrogen, home healthcare services, natural gas liquefaction, and advanced coatings and adhesives. The company is recognized for its innovative culture, operational excellence and commitment to safety and the environment. In fiscal 2010, Air Products had revenues of \$9 billion, operations in over 40 countries, and 18,300 employees around the globe. For more information, visit [www.airproducts.com](http://www.airproducts.com).

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

On February 11, 2010, Air Products Distribution, Inc. ("Purchaser"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. ("Air Products"), commenced a cash tender offer for all the outstanding shares of common stock of Airgas, Inc. ("Airgas") not already owned by Air Products, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Offer to Purchase dated as of February 11, 2010 (the "Offer to Purchase"). The purchase price to be paid upon the successful closing of the cash tender offer is \$70 per share in cash, without interest and less any required withholding tax, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Offer to Purchase, as amended. The offer is scheduled to expire at midnight, New York City time, on Friday, January 14, 2011, unless further amended in the manner set forth in the Schedule TO.

This communication does not constitute an offer to buy or solicitation of an offer to sell any securities. The tender offer is being made pursuant to a tender offer statement on Schedule TO (including the Offer to Purchase, a related letter of transmittal and other offer materials) filed by Air Products with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") on February 11, 2010. **INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS OF AIRGAS ARE URGED TO READ THESE AND OTHER DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC CAREFULLY IN THEIR ENTIRETY BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION.** Investors and security holders can obtain free copies of these documents and other documents filed with the SEC by Air Products through the web site maintained by the SEC at <http://www.sec.gov>. The Offer to Purchase and related materials may also be obtained for free by contacting the Information Agent for the tender offer, MacKenzie Partners, Inc., at 212-929-5500 or toll-free at 800-322-2885.

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