

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>KATSAROS ARTHUR T</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>7201 HAMILTON BOULEVARD</u>  (Street) <u>ALLENTOWN PA 18195</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>AIR PRODUCTS &amp; CHEMICALS INC</u> <u>/DE/ [ APD ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Group V.P. - Dev &amp; Tech</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/18/2003</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/18/2003		M		6,000	A	\$23.12	26,550	D	
Common Stock	12/18/2003		S		6,000	D	\$51.61	20,550	D	
Common Stock	12/18/2003		I		5,688.2055	D	\$52.46	5,843.8683	I	By RSSOP <sup>(1)</sup>

**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
1995 Stock Options <sup>(4)</sup>	\$23.12	12/18/2003		M		6,000		08/08/1988 <sup>(5)</sup>	10/04/2004	Common Stock	6,000	\$0	0.0000	D	
1995 Rights <sup>(2)</sup>	\$0.00 <sup>(2)</sup>	12/18/2003		J <sup>(2)</sup>		6,000		08/08/1988 <sup>(3)</sup>	10/04/2004	Common Stock	6,000	\$0	0.0000	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Shares represented by units of interest in the Company Stock Fund held under the issuer's Retirement Savings and Stock Ownership Plan.
- These Rights were cancelled upon the exercise of the Options described herein.
- Rights have exercise dates only during a 30 day period following a change in control of the Company (as defined in the LTIP).
- Employee Stock Options (Options) granted under the issuer's Long-Term Incentive Plan (LTIP). Exercise of these Options cancels the related Rights described herein on a one-for-one basis.
- One-third became exercisable 10/3/95; one-third became exercisable 10/3/96; and one-third became exercisable 10/3/97.

By: Linda M. Svoboda as 12/19/2003  
Attorney in Fact

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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