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The 2008 Air Liquide Reference Document including the Sustainable Development Report was filed with the French Financial Markets Authority (AMF) on March 31, 2009.

This document is available in French and English on the Group's website [www.airliquide.com](http://www.airliquide.com), section Investors – regulated information.

Copies of this Reference Document are also available at the Company head office in Paris (75007) – 75, quai d'Orsay.

The Reference Document includes the following information:

- 2007 annual financial report
- the corporate governance and internal audit report
- statutory auditors' remuneration

### **Upcoming events**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> quarter revenue:**

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

#### **Annual General Meeting of Shareholders:**

Thursday, May 7, 2009

#### **1<sup>st</sup> half revenue and earnings**

Thursday, July 30, 2009

***Air Liquide is the world leader in gases for industry, health and the environment, and is present in over 75 countries with 43,000 employees. Oxygen, nitrogen, hydrogen and rare gases have been at the core of Air Liquide's activities since its creation in 1902. Using these molecules, Air Liquide continuously reinvents its business, anticipating the needs of current and future markets. The Group innovates to enable progress, to achieve dynamic growth and a consistent performance.***

*Air Liquide combines many products and technologies to develop valuable applications and services not only for its customers but also for society. **Innovative technologies** that curb polluting emissions, lower industry's energy use, recover and reuse natural resources or develop the energies of tomorrow, such as hydrogen, biofuels or photovoltaic energy... Oxygen for hospitals, homecare, fighting nosocomial infections...*

***A partner for the long term**, Air Liquide relies on employee commitment, customer trust and shareholder support to pursue its vision of sustainable, competitive growth. The **diversity** of Air Liquide's teams, businesses, markets and geographic presence provides a solid and sustainable base for its development and strengthens its ability to push back its own limits, conquer new territories and build its future.*

***Air Liquide explores the best that air can offer to preserve life, staying true to its sustainable development approach.** In 2008, the Group's revenues amounted to **€13.1 billion**, of which almost 80% were earned outside France. Air Liquide is listed on the Paris Euronext stock exchange (compartment A) and is a member of the CAC 40 and Dow Jones Euro Stoxx 50 indexes.*