

Paris, February 17, 2010

## Combined Shareholders' Meeting on May 5th 2010

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A photograph showing a large audience of people seated in a conference hall, facing a stage area. The audience is diverse in age and appearance, and the setting appears to be a formal meeting or conference.

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### Air Liquide

#### share ownership

- 38% of the capital held by individual shareholders
- 36% of the capital held by non-French institutional investors
- 26% of the capital held by French institutional investors

(as at December 31, 2009)

### Upcoming dates

#### **First quarter 2010 revenue:**

Monday, April 26, 2010

#### **Annual General Meeting:**

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

#### **Dividend ex date:**

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

#### **Dividend payment date:**

Monday, May 17, 2010

#### **Bonus share allocation:**

Friday, May 28, 2010

The Combined Shareholders' Meeting of Air Liquide will be held in Paris on **Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> 2010, starting at 3 pm**, on first notice, in the Palais des Congrès, 2 place Porte Maillot, 75017 PARIS.

The preliminary meeting notice was published today in the legal gazette (BALO - Bulletin des Annonces Légales et Obligatoires). It includes the Meeting agenda, the draft resolutions that the Board of Directors plans to submit to a vote of shareholders, and instructions for attending and voting.

The preliminary meeting notice can be consulted online on the Group's website: [www.airliquide.com](http://www.airliquide.com). All the information concerning the Meeting will also be available on this website.

The Combined Shareholders' Meeting provides an opportunity to present the Group's strategy and its outlook for development. All shareholders are invited to vote either by attending the Shareholders' Meeting in person or by voting by post or by proxy (via a proxy voting form). The participation of every shareholder is important.

In addition, the Shareholders' Meeting will be webcast for live viewing or playback on Air Liquide's website: [www.airliquide.com](http://www.airliquide.com).

The preparatory documentation will be communicated to shareholders according to the legal and regulatory conditions as from the publication in the BALO due on March 17<sup>th</sup> 2010 of the invitation to attend the Meeting. These documents and other preparatory elements will also be held at the disposal of the shareholders. Please consult Shareholder Services, 75 quai d'Orsay, 75321 Paris Cedex 07.

**Air Liquide is the world leader in gases for industry, health and the environment**, and is present in over **75 countries** with **42,300 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.

**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... Air Liquide combines many products and technologies to develop valuable applications and services not only for its customers but also for society.

**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 2009, the Group's revenues amounted to **€12 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.