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## Shanghai 2010: hydrogen and healthcare expertise to support the exhibition

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### Air Liquide in China

Air Liquide employs **more than 2,500 people** in total in China, with operations in **key industrial areas** including "Beijing/Tianjin/Hebei/Liaoning/Shandong" in the north, "Shanghai/Jiangsu/ Zhejiang/Anhui" in the east, and expanding to "Sichuan/Hubei/Shaanxi/Shanxi" in the west, "Guangdong" in the south and more recently "Heilongjiang" in the north.

Air Liquide has also strong **Engineering capabilities through Air Liquide Hangzhou and Lurgi.**

Air Liquide returned to China in the 1970s to supply air separation units and began to set up gas operations in 1990.

The Air Liquide Group will support the Shanghai World Expo, "A Better City for a Better Life", with hydrogen and healthcare expertise.

Air Liquide will provide **delivery service and back-up hydrogen supply** for the hydrogen refilling stations serving the Shanghai World Expo. Following an agreement with ENN, the official operator of the hydrogen filling stations, Air Liquide will provide all logistical means, including trailers and tractors, for the transportation of hydrogen. In addition, Air Liquide's hydrogen sources will be used as a back-up to ensure a safe and reliable supply of hydrogen throughout the World Expo. About **200 fuel cell vehicles** will be used to transport visitors and guests during the event. These vehicles do not generate any pollution. Air Liquide has over **40 years of experience in hydrogen**, covering the entire chain, from production, storage and distribution to application.

Air Liquide is also the **main sponsor** of the **Franco-Chinese symposium on pre-hospital emergency medicine**, which will take place on May 12th in the French Pavilion's auditorium at the Shanghai 2010 World Expo. This symposium will contribute to **better sharing of international expertise in the field of emergency care**. Organized by the SAMU de Paris – the French System of Emergency Medical Assistance – and the Shanghai Health Bureau, the symposium will bring together internationally known French and Chinese medical experts, who will address around 120 Chinese emergency and respiratory practitioners, with the support of Air Liquide Medical Systems, dedicated to respiratory assistance equipment. This symposium is the first in a series of Franco-Chinese healthcare meetings scheduled under the auspices of the "Science and Thought" programme of the French Pavilion.

**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 generated 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.