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Compressed Gas Association Announces 2009 Safety Award Winners

(Chantilly, VA) May 11, 2010 – The Compressed Gas Association (CGA) announced the winners of the 2009 safety awards on April 27, 2010, at the Safety Awards Banquet held in conjunction with the 97th Annual Meeting in Coral Gables, Florida. CGA is dedicated to the development and promotion of safety standards and safe practices in the industrial and medical gas industry. Each year, CGA pays tribute to its members and their dedication in making the industry safer for employees, distributors, and the public.

Fleet Safety Excellence Awards

Sponsored by Praxair, Inc., the awards were created in 1988 to recognize outstanding safety performance among the industry's bulk and cylinder truck delivery fleets. The award is based on a CGA Member Company's total Vehicle Accident Frequency Rate. There are four awards presented, two for Bulk Gas Transportation and two for Cylinder Gas Transportation. The winners are:

Bulk Gas Transportation:

- Less than 20 million miles – **Western International Gas and Cylinders, Inc.**
- More than 20 million miles – **Airgas, Inc.**

Cylinder Gas Transportation:

- Less than 3 million miles – **Western International Gas and Cylinders, Inc.**
- More than 3 million miles – **Airgas, Inc.**

Leonard Parker Pool Safety Awards

Sponsored by Air Products and Chemicals, Inc., the awards are in memory of Leonard Parker Pool, the founder, and former chief executive of Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. The awards were created in 1978 and are presented annually to participating CGA member companies that have recorded the greatest improvement in safety performance during the previous two years, and is based upon the total recordable case incidence rates as defined by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. There are three divisions of the award. The winners are:

- Group 1—Over 5 million employee exposure hours – **Praxair, Inc.**
- Group 2—Over 750 thousand to 5 million employee exposure hours – **Luxfer Gas Cylinders USA**
- Group 3—Under 750 thousand employee exposure hours – **Acme Cryogenics, Inc.**

Chart Industries Award

The Chart Industries Award for significant and dedicated service to the Compressed Gas Association is presented to an individual who best exemplifies the character, commitment, and excellence prevalent in the volunteers from CGA's member companies. It was created in 1996 and is awarded to an individual who has consistently and tirelessly taken on the responsibility to uphold and further the mission of the CGA—to develop and promote safety standards and safe practices for the industrial gas industry. **The award was presented to W. Lee Birch of Luxfer Gas Cylinders USA.**

Charles H. Glasier Safety Award

Sponsored by American Air Liquide Holdings, Inc, the award is in memory of Charles H. Glasier, a leader in the industry, a strong supporter of safety, and a former CGA chairman (1980) and active participant in CGA for more than 40 years. The award was created in 1994 and is presented annually to an individual in recognition of their safety leadership in the industrial gas industry. **The award was presented to Joe Barnett of Matheson Tri-Gas.**

Environmental Recognition Awards

Sponsored by Linde North America, Inc, the program, created in 2000, enables CGA to identify and share good environmental practices as well as promote environmental awareness and improvements within companies and the industry. The awards are presented annually to deserving individuals, teams, or facilities that have conducted activities that meet identified “environmental excellence” criteria. Awards were given to projects of the following companies:

- **Airgas, Inc.**
 - Green Distribution Centers
- **Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.**
 - Carlsbad, California, Industrial Wastewater Discharge Reduction Project
 - Hometown, Pennsylvania, Resource Conservation Projects: Waste Heat Recovery and NF Vent Gas Recovery
 - Nanke C3F8 and Carbon Dioxide Emission Reductions
- **American Air Liquide Holdings, Inc.**
 - Installation of Environmental Resource Bulletin Boards and Environmental Resource Binders
 - Bayport, Texas, SMR Condensate Polisher
- **Matheson Tri-Gas Inc.**
 - Arsine Neutralization Tank Process Scrubber
- **Praxair, Inc.**
 - Mexico National Environmental Leadership Program
 - US GO Green Program

For additional information on the winning environmental projects, please contact Jenn Sweigart at CGA.

About the Compressed Gas Association

Since 1913, the Compressed Gas Association (CGA) has been dedicated to the safe manufacture, transportation, storage, transfilling, and disposal of industrial and medical gases and their containers. CGA represents over 120 member companies that provide engineering and scientific expertise necessary to develop consensus safety standards; provide safety information and warnings about the chemical or physical properties of gases and their containers; and provide technical training and education. CGA is an American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accredited Standards Developing Organization and works directly with Federal, State and Provincial agencies and fire code officials to promote safe and responsible practices and regulations. For more information, visit www.cganet.com.

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