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Compressed Gas Association names Richard Gottwald President and CEO

Chantilly, Virginia [July 23, 2018] – The Compressed Gas Association (CGA) Board of Directors has named Richard Gottwald as CGA President and CEO, replacing Michael Tiller who retired this year.

“I am honored to join the team at CGA. I look forward to working with the Board and the staff to build on the history and successes that have made CGA such a critical component to the success and safety of the compressed gas industry,” said Gottwald.

Before joining CGA, Rich served as President and CEO of the Association of Pool and Spa Professionals (APSP). He joined APSP in 2013 and realigned the organization to be a unified voice to protect existing markets and to grow new business for its members. Prior to APSP, Rich served as executive vice president for the International Sign Association (ISA) where he was responsible for providing oversight and leadership on the regulatory, legislative, and technological challenges and opportunities facing the sign industry across North America. Rich has also held senior management positions in several trade associations including executive vice president for the Association of the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation, president of the Plastics Pipe Institute, and executive director of the Society of the Plastics Industry.

Rich holds a BS in Plastics Engineering from the University of Massachusetts at Lowell and is a Certified Association Executive (CAE). He lives in Washington, DC.

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About the Compressed Gas Association

Since 1913, the Compressed Gas Association (CGA) has been dedicated to ever-improving safe, secure, and environmentally responsible manufacture, transportation, storage, transfilling, and disposal of industrial and medical gases and their containers. More than 130 member companies provide technical and advocacy leadership to establish 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.

CGA supports several committees of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and coordinates member company participation in the development of ISO standards through U.S. and Canadian advisory groups. The Association also works with other industrial gas associations around the world to harmonize standards to advance safety in the industrial gas industry. Additionally, CGA participates in the United Nations to develop model regulations that apply to the industrial gas and equipment industry. For more information, visit www.cganet.com.