



## **Airgas Included on 2010 Fortune 500 List**

**RADNOR, PA - April 15, 2010** -Airgas, Inc. (NYSE: ARG) today announced that it has been included on the 2010 FORTUNE 500 list. The FORTUNE 500 list is an annual ranking of all U.S. companies by revenue. The full list and related stories appear in the May 3 issue of FORTUNE, available on newsstands Monday, April 19, and now at [fortune.com/500](http://fortune.com/500).

"Making the FORTUNE 500 list for the first time is a clear affirmation of our growth strategies, and a result of the hard work and dedication of our 14,000 Airgas associates," said Airgas Chairman and CEO Peter McCausland.

Airgas was started in 1982 and generated \$3 million of revenue in its first year. Since then, it has grown into a \$4 billion company through organic growth and approximately 400 acquisitions. From the time of its initial public offering in December 1986, Airgas' total shareholder return has exceeded 4,400%, or more than 18% compounded annually.

### **About Airgas, Inc.**

Airgas, Inc. (NYSE: ARG), through its subsidiaries, is the largest U.S. distributor of industrial, medical and specialty gases, and hardgoods, such as welding equipment and supplies. Airgas is also one of the largest U.S. distributors of safety products, the largest U.S. producer of nitrous oxide and dry ice, the largest liquid carbon dioxide producer in the Southeast, and a leading distributor of process chemicals, refrigerants, and ammonia products. More than 14,000 employees work in over 1,100 locations, including branches, retail stores, gas fill plants, specialty gas labs, production facilities and distribution centers. Airgas also distributes its products and services through eBusiness, catalog and telesales channels. Its national scale and strong local presence offer a competitive edge to its diversified customer base. For more information, please visit [www.airgas.com](http://www.airgas.com).

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