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### ***Air Liquide Australia Certified to OHSAS 18001:2007***

Air Liquide Australia (ALA) was recently awarded the OHSAS 18001:2007 and AS/NZS 4801:2001 accreditations. OHSAS 18001:2007 is the highly regarded international ISO standard for occupational health and safety whilst the AS/NZS 4801:2001 is the Australian and New Zealand equivalent.

These standards provide the company with a more robust and externally audited framework to manage its operational risks and to minimise risks to their employees' occupational health and safety.

Bureau Veritas, a global provider of conformity assessment and certification services performed this accreditation audit.

The audit team found many strong elements in ALA's safety culture and systems such as the Annual Safety Scorecard, a leading safety indicator that drives the compliance and improvement effort within the Air Liquide Group's Industrial Management System (IMS).

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***Air Liquide is the world leader in gases for industry, health and the environment, and is present in 80 countries with 43,600 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 2010, the Group's revenues amounted to **€13.5 billion**, of which more than 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.

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