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**Air Liquide at Sassenage**

45 years in the field,

320 staff,

Turnover of €71 million in 2007,

2 entities, Air Liquide Advanced Technologies Division and Axane: **The High-Tech Pole**

Air Liquide Advanced Technologies and Axane develop the Group's expertise and know-how in high-tech fields, such as very low-temperature cryogenics, aerospace, aeronautics and hydrogen fuel, and are fully committed to their mission as the driving force behind innovation and new technologies at Air Liquide.

**Expertise at the service of gas engineering and cryogenics.**

## EN 9100 certification for Air Liquide Advanced Technologies

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***In January 2008, our certification body, Lloyd's Register Quality Assurance - LRQA – recommended our organization EN 9100:2003\* certification.***

This certification is a benchmark for aerospace activity. Indeed, the aerospace industry represented by the IAQG – International Aerospace Quality Group – is concerned about improving its efficiency in quality chain management and has for many years been committed to working to standardize the evaluation of its suppliers throughout the world.

This certification has become an essential, indispensable passport for all suppliers in the field.

It is only after a lengthy external auditing, evaluation and validation process that this certificate is awarded to applicant companies that comply with the rules of the charters.

**Through this certification, Air Liquide, with an outstanding score of 96.5/100, has attained the level required by all its customers in the field, and has entitled us to be listed in the OASIS\*\* world database.**

Meanwhile, Air Liquide has also had its ISO 9001 V2000 certification renewed, for efficiency and compliance with all processes of its Management System.

**These certifications are proof of our commitment to quality, security and safety**, rightly expected of us by our customers. They come in addition to the Part-21 production approval and Part-145 maintenance approval which we already hold as part of continuous surveillance of certain aeronautical equipment by the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA).

\* A shared benchmark: this standard has US and Japanese equivalents, AS 9100 and JISQ 9100 (applicable throughout Asia).

\*\* **Online Aerospace Supplier Information Systems**

Present in 72 countries, **Air Liquide** is a **world leader** in industrial and medical gases and related services. The Group offers **innovative solutions** based on constantly enhanced **technologies**. These solutions, which are consistent with Air Liquide's commitment to **sustainable development**, help to protect life and enable our customers to manufacture many indispensable everyday products. Founded in 1902, Air Liquide has 40,000 employees. The Group has successfully developed a long-term relationship with its shareholders built on **trust** and **transparency** and guided by the principles of **corporate governance**. Since the publication of its first consolidated financial statements in 1971, Air Liquide has posted **strong and steady earnings growth**. Sales in 2007 totaled 11,801 million euros, with sales outside France accounting for almost 80%. Air Liquide is listed on the Paris stock exchange and is a component of the CAC 40 and Eurostoxx 50 indices (ISIN code FR 0000120073).