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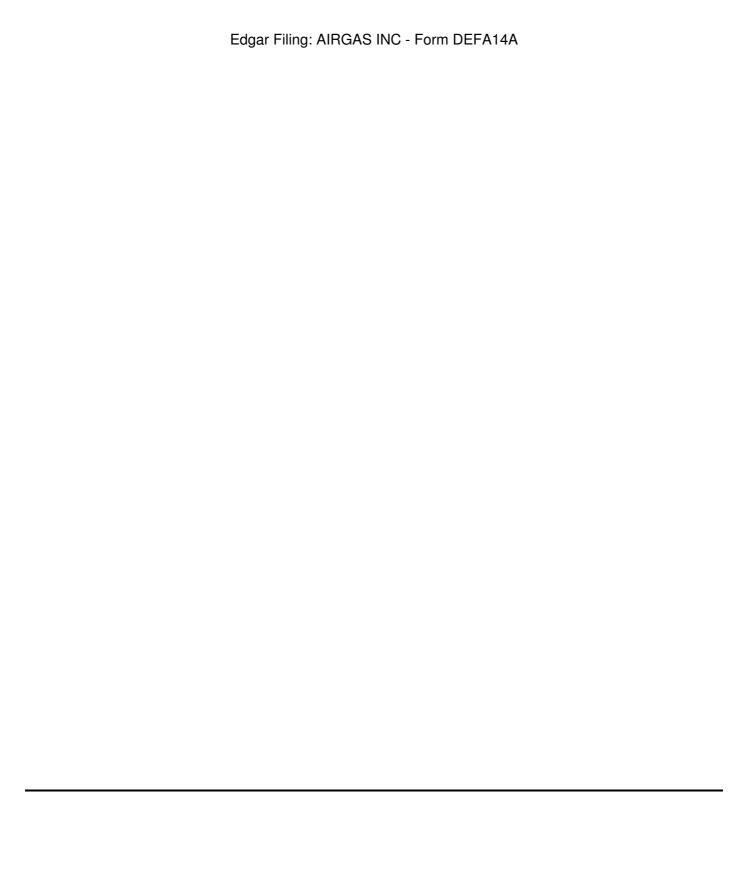
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Airgas, Inc. (Airgas) released the following statement to the Associated Press regarding Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. s (Air Products) letter to Airgas stockholders, which was disclosed on a Schedule 14A filed by Air Products on August 19, 2010:

We believe this is more of the same from Air Products: instead of offering value to Airgas stockholders, it is once again resorting to rhetoric, disingenuously attacking the integrity and professionalism of the Airgas Board of Directors. The Board of Directors remains firm in its conviction that the Air Products offer grossly undervalues Airgas and continues to urge Airgas stockholders to vote FOR the three Airgas directors and AGAINST Air Products By-Law Amendment proposals.