

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION**

In the Matter of)	
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Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.,)	File No. 101 0093
a corporation.)	
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AGREEMENT CONTAINING CONSENT ORDERS

The Federal Trade Commission (“Commission”), having initiated an investigation of the proposed acquisition by Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. (hereinafter “Proposed Respondent”) of certain voting securities of Airgas, Inc. (“Airgas”), and it now appearing that Proposed Respondent is willing to enter into this Agreement Containing Consent Orders (“Consent Agreement”) to divest certain assets and providing for other relief:

IT IS HEREBY AGREED by and between Proposed Respondent, by its duly authorized officers and attorneys, and counsel for the Commission that:

1. Proposed Respondent Air Products is a corporation organized, existing, and doing business under, and by virtue of, the laws of Delaware, with its office and principal place of business located at 7201 Hamilton Boulevard, Allentown, PA 18195.
2. Proposed Respondent admits all the jurisdictional facts set forth in the draft of Complaint here attached.
3. Proposed Respondent waives:
 - (a) any further procedural steps;
 - (b) the requirement that the Commission’s Decision and Order, and Order to Hold Separate and Maintain Assets, both of which are attached hereto and made a part hereof, contain a statement of findings of fact and conclusions of law;
 - (c) all rights to seek judicial review or otherwise to challenge or contest the validity of the Decision and Order or the Order to Hold Separate and Maintain Assets entered pursuant to this Consent Agreement; and
 - (d) any claim under the Equal Access to Justice Act.
4. Because there may be interim competitive harm, the Commission may issue its Com-

plaint and the Order to Hold Separate and Maintain Assets in this matter at any time after it accepts the Consent Agreement for public comment.

5. Proposed Respondent shall submit an initial report, pursuant to Section 2.33 of the Commission's Rules, 16 C.F.R. § 2.33, within thirty (30) days of the date on which it executes this Consent Agreement, and subsequent reports every thirty (30) days thereafter until the Decision and Order becomes final or the divestiture required by Paragraph II of the Decision and Order is accomplished, whichever is earlier. Each report shall be signed by Proposed Respondent and shall set forth in detail the manner in which the Proposed Respondent has to date complied, is complying, and will comply with the Order to Hold Separate and Maintain Assets and the Decision and Order. Such reports will not become part of the public record unless and until the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order are accepted by the Commission for public comment.
6. In each of the reports described in Paragraph 5, the Proposed Respondent shall provide sufficient information and documentation to enable the Commission to determine independently whether the Proposed Respondent is in compliance with this Consent Agreement and each of the Orders. All reports shall be verified by a notarized signature or sworn statement of the Chief Executive Officer or other officer or director of the Proposed Respondent specifically authorized to perform this function, or self verified in the manner set forth in 28 U.S.C. §1746. Section 2.41(a) of the Commission's Rules of Practice requires that an original and two copies of all compliance reports be filed with the Commission. Proposed Respondent shall file an original report and one copy with the Secretary of the Commission, and shall send at least one copy directly to the Bureau of Competition's Compliance Division.
7. This Consent Agreement shall not become part of the public record of the proceeding unless and until it is accepted by the Commission. If this Consent Agreement is accepted by the Commission, it, together with the draft of Complaint contemplated thereby, will be placed on the public record for a period of thirty (30) days and information in respect thereto publicly released. The Commission thereafter may either withdraw its acceptance of this Consent Agreement and so notify Proposed Respondent, in which event it will take such action as it may consider appropriate, or issue or amend its Complaint (in such form as the circumstances may require) and issue its Decision and Order, in disposition of the proceeding.
8. This Consent Agreement is for settlement purposes only and does not constitute an admission by Proposed Respondent that the law has been violated as alleged in the draft of Complaint here attached, or that the facts as alleged in the draft Complaint, other than jurisdictional facts, are true.
9. This Consent Agreement contemplates that, if it is accepted by the Commission, the Commission may (a) issue and serve its Complaint corresponding in form and substance with the draft of Complaint here attached, (b) issue and serve its Order to Hold Separate and Maintain Assets, and (c) make information public with respect thereto. If such

acceptance is not subsequently withdrawn by the Commission pursuant to the provisions of Commission Rule 2.34, 16 C.F.R. § 2.34, the Commission may, without further notice to the Proposed Respondent, issue the attached Decision and Order containing an order to divest and providing for other relief in disposition of the proceeding.

10. When final, the Decision and Order and the Order to Hold Separate and Maintain Assets shall have the same force and effect, and may be altered, modified or set aside in the same manner and within the same time provided by statute for other orders. The Decision and Order and the Order to Hold Separate and Maintain Assets shall become final upon service. Delivery of the Complaint, the Decision and Order, and the Order to Hold Separate and Maintain Assets to Proposed Respondent by any means provided in Commission Rule 4.4(a), 16 C.F.R. § 4.4(a), shall constitute service. Proposed Respondent waives any right it may have to any other manner of service.
11. The Complaint may be used in construing the terms of the Decision and Order and the Order to Hold Separate and Maintain Assets, and no agreement, understanding, representation, or interpretation not contained in the Decision and Order, the Order to Hold Separate and Maintain Assets, or the Consent Agreement may be used to vary or contradict the terms of the Decision and Order or the Order to Hold Separate and Maintain Assets.
12. By signing this Consent Agreement, Proposed Respondent represents and warrants that it can accomplish the full relief contemplated by the attached Decision and Order (including effectuating all required divestitures, assignments, and transfers) and that all parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, and successors necessary to effectuate the full relief contemplated by this Consent Agreement are parties to this Consent Agreement.
13. Proposed Respondent has read the draft of the Complaint, the Decision and Order, and the Order to Hold Separate and Maintain Assets contemplated hereby. Proposed Respondent understands that once the Decision and Order and the Order to Hold Separate and Maintain Assets have been issued, it will be required to file one or more compliance reports showing that it has fully complied with the Decision and Order and the Order to Hold Separate and Maintain Assets. Proposed Respondent agrees to comply with the terms of the proposed Decision and Order and the Order to Hold Separate and Maintain Assets from the date it signs this Consent Agreement. Proposed Respondent further understands that it may be liable for civil penalties in the amount

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provided by law for each violation of the Decision and Order and the Order to Hold Separate and Maintain Assets after they become final.

Signed this ____ day of August, 2010.

AIR PRODUCTS AND CHEMICALS, INC.

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