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Air Liquide Healthcare Activity

The worldwide healthcare business line of Air Liquide serves more than 5 000 hospitals and 300 000 patients around the world.

It delivers gases, hygiene products and medical equipment to its hospital customers and homecare to patients.

The 2007 revenue of Air Liquide Healthcare was 1 592 million euros, with 7 800 collaborators, 63% of revenue being outside of France.

Air Liquide

Present in 75 countries, Air Liquide is the 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.

Taema, Markos Mefar and Electrocare become « Air Liquide Medical Systems »

press release

The medical equipment business of Air Liquide includes today three companies: **Taema** in France, **Electrocare** in India and **Markos Mefar** in Italy. This business, **managed around Taema**, has multiple fields of expertise: high pressure and medical gases devices, anaesthesia, mechanical ventilation in hospital, emergency care and homecare, as well as patients' interface and aerosol-therapy.

In 2009, these three companies will share the same name: **Air Liquide Medical Systems**. "**Air Liquide**" allows us to benefit from the strong, daily and ambitious presence of Air Liquide in the healthcare world, in the hospital and at home.

"**Medical**" means the service focus to the healthcare world. And lastly "**Systems**" covers the diversity of the offer for the administration of medical gases and respiratory care. This new name also symbolizes the commitment which drives the people of these three companies who share the same strategy and a common organization.

Air Liquide Medical Systems places **innovation** as its primary value, which is **respiratory pathologies** treatment, all aiming at improving the patients' **comfort** and the **easiness** of use. As a result of the co-operation between its research teams and the healthcare world, Air Liquide Medical Systems believes in the **convergence** between **respiratory care at home and in the hospital**, which makes its offer different. Lastly, Air Liquide Medical Systems continues to develop its activity by consolidating its presence **in France and in Europe** and reinforce its organisation in **Brasil, Russia, India and China**. This ambition is supported by the powerful healthcare organisation of Air Liquide and allows us to consider the future with confidence.

Norbert Rieth, Chairman and Managing Director of the medical equipment activity, Air Liquide Medical Systems, has declared: "**Our three companies in France, Italy and India will share the same name. This is a great event. Our vision is clear, we want to become the preferred partner of the medical world for respiratory care.**"