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Air Liquide Canada Introduces New Packaging for BLUESHIELD™ Gas Apparatus Outfits.

Montreal, October 13, 2005 – Air Liquide Canada Inc., a leader in industrial, specialty and medical gases, as well as welding equipment, today announced the introduction of new packaging for their range of BLUESHIELD Gas Apparatus Outfits.

Air Liquide's highly popular BLUESHIELD Gas Apparatus Outfits will now be packaged in blue polypropylene reusable plastic boxes, instead of the traditional cardboard packages. This will help to reduce the waste associated with disposable packaging and will provide our customers with more added value.

The appeal of Air Liquide's premium-quality BLUESHIELD Gas Apparatus Outfits — long recognized as the industry standard in gas welding and cutting applications — will now be enhanced by the use of this new packaging.

About Air Liquide

Visible and active in 70 countries, Air Liquide is the world leader in industrial and medical gases related services. The Group offers innovative solutions based on constantly evolving technologies. These solutions help our customers to manufacture many indispensable, everyday products. Founded in 1902, Air Liquide has more than 36,000 employees worldwide. Air Liquide Canada, a leading supplier of welding apparatus, consumables, and expert services, was established in 1911 and has more than 2000 employees from coast to coast.

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