



AIR LIQUIDE CANADA INC. EXPANDS PRODUCT LINE TO OFFER LINCOLN ELECTRIC COMPANY PRODUCTS

Montreal, February 25th, 2008 – Air Liquide Canada Inc., a leader in industrial, specialty and medical gases, as well as welding products announced the signature of an agreement with Lincoln Electric of Canada for the distribution of Lincoln Electric welding equipment.

Lincoln Electric is a leading manufacturer of arc welding machines for all types of welding processes. The addition of this product line enables Air Liquide Canada to offer more options to its customers with respect to equipment, and is consistent with the company's objective to propose the largest selection of machines, welding products and accessories.

The new product line includes:

- Precision TIG™ high performance welders for aerospace, general fabrication, and motor sports
- The ruggedly built CV industrial series for MIG welding
- IDEALARC™ power sources: the reference in Submerged Arc Welding
- Power Wave™ series with some models featuring the revolutionary Surface Tension Transfer process
- An extensive range of engine-drives for all on-site welding needs

“Lincoln machines are known for their robustness and their innovative technical features,” states Laurent Rimano, Air Liquide's Product Manager, Welding Equipment and Automation. “Combined with our company's expertise in welding processes and our existing product offer, it will allow us to extend the range of productivity -efficient integrated solutions we offer to our customers”.

About Air Liquide

Established in 1911, Air Liquide Canada has over 2,000 employees across the country. The international group Air Liquide is active in 70 countries around the world and is a world leader in the manufacture and distribution of industrial and medical gases and related services. The group offers innovative solutions based on constantly evolving technologies, to help our clientele in the fabrication of a number of essential everyday products. Founded in 1902, Air Liquide employs over 36,000 people around the world.

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