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Universal Industrial Gases, Inc. Announces Appointment of Director of Engineering

EASTON, PA (October 27, 2006) -- Universal Industrial Gases, Inc. (UIG) announces that Mike Patterson has joined UIG as Director of Engineering. Mike will be responsible for managing and directing engineering for domestic and international projects, including the recently-announced air separation and liquid products plant to be supplied to Airgas.

Mike has a BS in Chemical Engineering from Drexel University and more than 25 years in increasingly responsible positions with several large, integrated industrial gas companies and equipment companies.

Mike has managed and directed a wide array of air separation plant design, procurement and installation projects, plant upgrade projects, and pipeline supply projects for Air Liquide, Air Products and Chemicals, Inc., Amerigas, Ansutech, Linde and MG Industries.

About Universal Industrial Gases, Inc.

Universal Industrial Gases, Inc. (UIG), founded in 1992, is headquartered in Easton, PA, and operates worldwide. UIG provides new and refurbished air separation plants, oxygen and nitrogen generators, and cryogenic liquid storage and distribution equipment as well as related engineering, installation, operation and maintenance services. UIG products and services are used in numerous industries, including metals manufacturing and fabrication, chemicals, food and beverage processing, glass, pulp and paper. UIG also supplies air separation equipment and merchant liquid production plants to other companies which produce and distribute industrial gas products. UIG's plant ownership and operations affiliate, Universal Cryo Gas, LLC, currently operates two cryogenic nitrogen gas plants serving large specialty chemicals production complexes.

For more information on UIG, please visit www.uigi.com

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