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Universal Industrial Gases, Inc. Announces It Will Supply Air Separation Plant to Airgas

EASTON, PA (October 3, 2006) -- Universal Industrial Gases, Inc. (UIG) has announced that it will provide engineering and equipment to Airgas, Inc. for an air separation unit (ASU) to be built in Carrollton, KY. The plant, to be built on Dow Corning property, will supply gaseous nitrogen to Dow Corning and meet increasing demand for bulk and packaged gases in the region. When completed in late 2008, the plant will have the capacity to liquefy at least 350 tons per day of nitrogen, oxygen, and argon. Its expandable design will support additional pipeline customers and liquid production.

"UIG is excited to provide Airgas with the engineering and latest cryogenic equipment to build a cost-effective, reliable plant that will serve both Dow Corning and Airgas' merchant product demands," said Sam Piazza, president of UIG. "We are pleased to be a part of this important new investment in the industry."

Mike Molinini, executive vice president and chief operating officer of Airgas said, "We look forward to serving Dow Corning's needs with this new state-of-the-art production facility. This project fits with our previously announced strategy to consider our own plants to augment our gas supply in those markets that remain underserved by the industry."

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.

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

For additional background, see [Joint Airgas and Dow Corning Press Release \(pdf\)](#)

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