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## Lurgi signs outline agreement for a new complex within a Refinery in Russia

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#### Lurgi in brief

Lurgi is a **leading technology company operating worldwide in the fields of process engineering and plant contracting for the refining and petrochemicals markets**. Its technological leadership is based on **proprietary technologies** and exclusively **licensed technologies** which aim to convert all carbon energy resources (oil, coal, natural gas, biomass ...) in clean products. Lurgi is a subsidiary of the Air Liquide Group.

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#### Euro-5 Standard

The European Union specified **more stringent emission limits** for light vehicles, especially with regard to particulate and nitrogen emissions. **The Euro-5 standard will come into force in September 2009.**

**No. 2 – Frankfurt /Main:** – Lurgi GmbH, Frankfurt am Main, and OJSC “TAIF-NK”, Nijhnekamsk, Tatarstan, signed an outline agreement for a new complex within the Russian refinery TAIF-NK on 28 April 2009. The goal of the project is to increase the refinery capacity from 7 to 9.1 million tons/year of oil and adapt the fuel product quality to the Euro-5 standard. Under the agreement, Lurgi will supply licenses for parts of the technology as well as the complete engineering.

The total investment amounts to around USD 2.2 billion. The new complex is scheduled to be completed by 2014.

The agreement was signed in the framework of the official ceremony marking the founding of the Russian-German Energy Agency RUDEA that took place in Moscow on 28 April 2009. Shareholders of the agency are the German Energy Agency (DENA), Berlin, as well as the Russian Carbon Energy Fund as the representative of the Ministry of Energy, holding a share of 49% and 51%, respectively. The purpose of RUDEA is to advance Russia’s energy efficiency in the fields of industry, power generation, transport and renewable energies.

*“We are pleased to conclude this outline agreement with OJSC “TAIF-NK”. This investment will allow us to support our customers’ growing demand and it represents another milestone in our refinery business”. (François Venet, CEO of Lurgi GmbH.)*

**Air Liquide is the world leader in gases for industry, health and the environment**, and is present in over **75 countries** with **43,000 employees**. Oxygen, nitrogen, hydrogen and rare gases have been at the core of Air Liquide’s activities since its creation in 1902. Using these molecules, Air Liquide continuously reinvents its business, anticipating the needs of current and future markets. The Group innovates to enable progress, to achieve dynamic growth and a consistent performance.

Air Liquide combines many products and technologies to develop valuable applications and services not only for its customers but also for society. **Innovative technologies** that curb polluting emissions, lower industry’s energy use, recover and reuse natural resources or develop the energies of tomorrow, such as hydrogen, biofuels or photovoltaic energy... Oxygen for hospitals, homecare, fighting nosocomial infections...

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*Air Liquide explores the best that air can offer to preserve life, staying true to its **sustainable development approach**. In 2008, the Group's revenues amounted to **€13.1 billion**, of which almost 80% were earned outside France. Air Liquide is listed on the Paris Euronext stock exchange (compartment A) and is a member of the CAC 40 and Dow Jones Euro Stoxx 50 indexes.*

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