

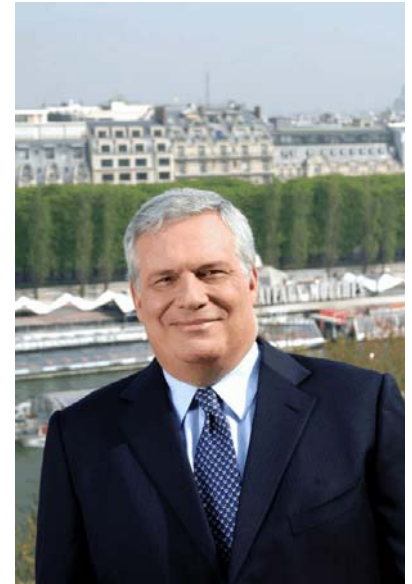


Pierre Dufour

**President and Chief Executive Officer
American Air Liquide Holdings, Inc.**

**Senior Executive Vice-President
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Mr. Pierre Dufour is keenly aware of and concerned by today's energy and environmental issues. He looks forward to sharing his views on innovative global warming solutions through business opportunities.



Mr. Dufour has served as president and chief executive officer of American Air Liquide Holdings, Inc., in Houston, Texas, since 2000. Previously, he was chief operating officer.

Since 2007, Mr. Dufour has been senior executive vice-president and a member of the Air Liquide Group's General Management team in Paris. He is responsible on a worldwide basis for the Large Industries business line, industrial systems and safety, engineering and construction, as well as research and technology. After joining Air Liquide in 1997 as vice-president, worldwide engineering, he was appointed Group industrial director the following year, overseeing the technical aspects of operations and maintenance worldwide.

Prior to his career with Air Liquide, Mr. Dufour worked for 21 years with SNC-Lavalin, Inc., a leading international engineering firm in Montreal, Canada.

Mr. Dufour received his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from École Polytechnique, University of Montreal, and holds a Master's degree in Civil Engineering from Stanford University. He is a graduate of the Advanced Management Program at Harvard Business School. Married to Diane Chayer, he is the father of three children. The Dufours now reside mainly in Paris.

American Air Liquide has had a growing presence in our region since 2004, when it acquired the business of Messer Griesheim Industries in Malvern (Chester County), Pennsylvania. In 2006, the company redeveloped a site in Newark, Delaware to build its new Research and Technology Center, the Group's largest outside of France. In 2007, it acquired Scott Specialty Gases in Plumsteadville (Bucks County), PA, now the head office of Air Liquide's specialty gas business. The northeast U.S. regional office of its industrial business is in East Norriton (Montgomery County), PA, and there are six other Air Liquide plants or depots statewide. Air Liquide's medical gas business serves the region, supplying facilities like the Presbyterian Hospital and the VA Hospital of Philadelphia.

About Air Liquide

With more than 40,000 employees in 72 countries, Air Liquide occupies a position as world leader in industrial and medical gases and related services, including advanced technologies in the fields of hydrogen fuel cells, cryogenics and aerospace. Thanks to innovative solutions based on constantly updated technology, Air Liquide produces air-derived gases (oxygen, nitrogen, argon, rare gases) and other gases such as hydrogen. In this way the Group contributes to the manufacturing of many products used in daily life: bubbles in carbonated beverages, preservative atmospheres for packaged food, oxygen for hospitals and patients at home, ultra-pure gases used in manufacturing semi-conductors, hydrogen for removing sulfur from fuels.

Air Liquide contributes to the preservation of life and is committed to sustainable development. Since its founding in 1902, Air Liquide has worked to maintain a relationship of trust and transparency with its shareholders, in accordance with the highest principles of corporate governance. Since the publication of its first consolidated accounts in 1971, the Group has maintained a steady increase in earnings. In 2007, its revenue amounted to 11.8 billion Euros (approximately \$18 billion), nearly 80% of which came from outside France. Air Liquide is listed in the Paris Bourse and is a component of the CAC 40 and Eurostoxx 50 indices (code ISIN FR 0000120073).