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American Air Liquide CEO Pierre Dufour to Speak on Innovative Solutions to Global Warming

Mr. Dufour has limited availability for interviews with the Press on Friday, April 25th.

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Philadelphia, PA -- Pierre Dufour, President and Chief Executive Officer of American Air Liquide and Senior Executive Vice-President of the worldwide Paris-based Air Liquide Group, is keenly aware of and concerned by today's energy and environmental issues. He will share his views on innovative solutions to global warming through business opportunities with Greater Philadelphia's business leaders when he is honored by the French-American Chamber of Commerce (FACC) at the 18th Annual Fête du Printemps (Spring Gala) on Friday, April 25th. With more than 40,000 employees in 72 countries, Air Liquide is a world leader in industrial and medical gases and related services, including advanced technologies in the fields of hydrogen fuel cells, cryogenics and aerospace.

American Air Liquide has had a growing presence in our region since 2004, when it acquired Messer Griesheim Industries, based in Malvern, Pennsylvania (Chester County). 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, Air Liquide acquired Scott Specialty Gases in Plumsteadville, PA (Bucks County), which is the head office of its specialty gas business. The U.S. northeast regional office of Air Liquide's industrial business is located in East Norriton, PA (Montgomery County). There are six other Air Liquide plants or depots statewide. Additionally, Air Liquide's medical gas business serves the region, supplying facilities like the Presbyterian Hospital and the VA Hospital of Philadelphia.

"Mr. Dufour is the quintessential global business leader. He hails from Canada, was educated at the University of Montreal, Stanford and Harvard Business School; is based in Paris and Houston, and travels worldwide because he highly values meeting personally with colleagues, customers, vendors and service providers. The French-American Chamber of Commerce is delighted to welcome him to Philadelphia," stated Peter Tucci, FACC President.

La Fête du Printemps (Spring Gala) is the most prestigious gathering of Greater Philadelphia's globally-minded American and French business leaders with 200 guests expected at the Westin Philadelphia on April 25th. This year's Honorary Co-Chairmen are His Excellency Pierre Vimont, Ambassador of France to the United States; the Honorable Edward G. Rendell, Governor of Pennsylvania; and the Honorable Michael Nutter, Mayor of Philadelphia. The evening kicks-off with a networking reception, followed by President Peter Tucci's presentation of the FACC's Award for Outstanding French-American Business Relations, and remarks by Mr. Dufour.

Supporters include: Air Liquide, Arkema, Cephalon, Duane Morris, Ernst & Young, Fox Rothschild, Fox School of Business-International MBA, H2L2 Architects/Planners, HSBC Bank USA, J.J. White, KPMG, Marsh, Pepper Hamilton, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Rohm and Haas, Saint-Gobain Corporation, Sanofi-Aventis, Weldship Corporation, Wyeth Pharmaceuticals, Air France, Caviar Assouline/Assouline & Roth, the Consulate of Canada in Philadelphia, Todd Rothstein Photography, Assouline & Roth/Caviar Assouline, the Westin Philadelphia, Wild Flowers, Wayne Gustafson Orchestra, and Sculptor Pierre Lefebvre, with more to follow.

ABOUT AIR LIQUIDE 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.

Founded 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). www.us.airliquide.com or www.airliquide.com

ABOUT THE FACC The Philadelphia Chapter of the French-American Chamber of Commerce (FACC) was established in 1989 by local business leaders to strengthen bilateral business relations. FACC-Philadelphia is a member-supported, non-profit business association. The Chapter remains apolitical and independent of government funding, thanks to the support of 400 members and their companies in the Delaware Valley. FACC-Philadelphia ranks as one of the most dynamic chapters in the 19-city network and the largest of 12 binational chambers of commerce in the tri-state region. www.faccphila.org

Advance Registration for La Fête du Printemps (Spring Gala) is required by 4/18/08 at \$300 per person for Non-members or \$250 per person for FACC Members. For more info about FACC-Philadelphia and this event, including Corporate Sponsorship opportunities, visit www.faccphila.org, call 215-545-0145 or email faccphl@aol.com.