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### COCA-COLA CHINA RECOGNIZES PRAXAIR BEIJING AS “BEST QUALITY” SUPPLIER IN CHINA

DANBURY, Conn., April 3, 2014 – Praxair, Inc. (NYSE: PX) received Coca-Cola China’s 2013 Best Quality Supplier Award at its 2013 Sustainable Supplier Summit in Shanghai.

Praxair works with Coca-Cola globally, supplying the company with carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and nitrogen. The company has supplied CO<sub>2</sub> to Coca-Cola bottling plants in China since the late 1990’s, including Beijing and Tianjin in northern China and the Anhui, Jiangsu and Zhejiang provinces, as well as Shanghai in eastern China. In China, Coca-Cola uses the CO<sub>2</sub> for the production of non-alcoholic sparkling beverages.

Praxair Beijing achieved the highest score among all suppliers on a rigorous on-site assessment review. The assessment included reviews of the company’s raw materials, quality-control systems, customer service and its finished products. Coca-Cola also took into consideration the consistency of Praxair’s CO<sub>2</sub> products and the overall reliability of its supply to the company.

“It is an honor to be recognized for our quality and reliability by Coca-Cola China, a business known for its world-class quality standards,” said Dr. Minda Ho, president of Praxair China. “I’m proud of everyone on our team who has worked so closely with Coca-Cola and was instrumental in Praxair receiving this award. It’s our great teamwork across operations, sales, customer service, logistics and distribution that enables us to make such a difference for our customers.”

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Praxair, Inc., a Fortune 250 company with 2013 sales of \$12 billion, is the largest industrial gases company in North and South America and one of the largest [worldwide](#). The company produces, sells and distributes atmospheric, process and specialty [gases](#), and high-performance surface coatings. Praxair products, [services](#) and technologies are making our planet more productive by bringing efficiency and environmental benefits to a wide variety of industries, including [aerospace](#), [chemicals](#), [food and beverage](#), [electronics](#), [energy](#), [healthcare](#), manufacturing, metals and many others. More information about Praxair, Inc. is available at [www.praxair.com](http://www.praxair.com).

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