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PRAXAIR STARTS UP AIR SEPARATION UNIT IN TENNESSEE

DANBURY, Conn., June 9, 2014 – Praxair, Inc. (NYSE: PX) today announced the start-up of its new 600 tons per day air separation unit in Memphis, Tennessee, expanding the company’s ability to supply gaseous and liquid oxygen, nitrogen and argon to customers across the southeastern United States. Praxair operates multiple plants and pipelines throughout the region that serve numerous industrial gas customers, including Nucor Steel Memphis and the Valero Memphis Refinery.

Using state-of-the-art technology, energy efficient processes and argon recovery, the facility will serve liquid-product customers, including the region’s growing automotive industry.

“Our new investment strengthens Praxair’s position as a leading supplier of industrial gases and will support our growing business in the region,” said Jeff Barnhard, East Region vice president for Praxair’s U.S. Industrial Gases. “The plant will further enable Praxair to serve the full spectrum of customer needs, from cylinder gases to bulk and on-site gases.”

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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.

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