

PURCHASE ORDER ACKNOWLEDGMENT AGREEMENT (for Gases)

- a) The terms stated in Section A below ARE MADE part of the PO;
- b) Terms referred to in Section B below ARE REMOVED FROM the PO;
- c) Any other PO terms (whether or not mentioned here) that conflict with Section A terms ARE ALSO REMOVED.

SECTION A. The following are made part of the PO:

- A.1. Warming Concerning Hazardous Nature of Products and Training Obligations. Customer acknowledges: a) that the Products are hazardous and must be handled accordingly; b) the Products are classified by the U. S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration ("OSHA") as hazardous chemicals, and that there are hazards associated with the possession and use of the Products, and that Customer must take proper account of those hazards and deal with them appropriately; c) it will warn all persons who may be exposed to any hazards relating to any of the Products and equipment and shall train them in the proper use of the Products and equipment; d) that Supplier has supplied Customer with all relevant Material Safety Data Sheets ("MSDSs") relating to the Products, and that more MSDSs are available from Supplier on request; e) that OSHA regulations require Customer to develop and implement a written chemical hazard communications program for its employees regarding all hazardous chemical Products; f) the Products must not be used writhout consulting the MSDSs, and Customer will ensure that all employees, customers and others who may be exposed to the Products after delivery thereof to Customer pursuant to this Agreement.
- A.2. Product Storage/Use And Cylinders. Supplier will, at its expense, maintain any cylinders, vessels or other equipment that it provides to Customer, and Customer will keep the equipment and cylinders lien-free, pay for any damage and loss at full replacement value unless caused by Supplier's sole negligence, and otherwise abide by Supplier's standard terms and conditions relating to the cylinders and equipment. Customer will not fill or have others fill Supplier's equipment or cylinders.
- A.3. Warranties. Supplier warrants that gas Products manufactured by Supplier, except for carbon dioxide Products, will comply with Compressed Gas Association (CGA) guidelines. Supplier warrants that carbon dioxide Products manufactured by Supplier will comply with Supplier's standard specification for the grade of liquid carbon dioxide Product selected in Section A.8. Any other Products manufactured by Supplier will conform to Supplier's standard specifications. Supplier makes no warranty with respect to Products manufactured by others, but will, on request, to the extent permitted, pass on to Customer any applicable manufacturer's warranty. SUPPLIER MAKES NO OTHER WARRANTY OF ANY KIND, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.
- A.4. Demage Limitations. SUPPLIER SHALL NOT BE LIABLE TO CUSTOMER FOR INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES. SUPPLIER'S SOLE LIABILITY AND CUSTOMER'S SOLE REMEDY FOR ANY DAMAGES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO DAMAGES RESULTING FROM PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED BY SUPPLIER OR SUPPLIER'S PAILURE TO DELIVER SUCH PRODUCTS, INSTALLATION OR MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT OR EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURED BY SUPPLIER, OR SERVICES PROVIDED BY SUPPLIER SHALL BE LIMITED TO, AT SUPPLIER'S OPTION, THE REFUND OF THE PURCHASE PRICE OR REPLACEMENT OF THE PRODUCT OR SERVICE IN QUESTION. CUSTOMER MUST NOTHY SUPPLIER OF ANY CLAIM WITHIN FIFTEEN DAYS OF THE EVENT GIVING RISE TO SUCH CLAIM OR SUCH CLAIM IS WAIVED. THE LIMITATIONS CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION SHALL APPLY RECARDLESS OF WHETHER THE CLAIM FOR DAMAGES IS BASED ON BREACH OF CONTRACT, BREACH OF WARRANTY, TORT OR OTHERWISE, AND SHALL APPLY EVEN WHERE SUCH DAMAGES ARE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART, BY THE NEGLIGENCE, GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR ACTS AND OMISSIONS OF THE PARTY CLAIMING DAMAGES OR THE PARTY FROM WHOM DAMAGES ARE SOUGHT. AS USED IN THIS SECTION, THE TERM "CUSTOMER" AND "SUPPLIER" SHALL INCLUDE NOT ONLY THE PARTY TO THIS AGREEMENT BUT ALSO ALL OF ITS AFFILIATES. THE PROVISIONS GOVERNING DAMAGE LIMITATIONS AND INDEMNITY SET FORTH IN THIS AGREEMENT SHALL SURVIVE EXPIRATION, TERMINATION, OR CANCELLATION OF THIS AGREEMENT.
- A.S. Indemnity And Insurance. If there is any injury (including death), loss or damage to the person or property of any third party (including employees of either party), then, subject to any limitations set forth in this Agreement, each party agrees to indemnify the other party to the extent of the indemnifying party's negligence. Supplier has no obligation to insure Customer or its employees (or other Customer-related parties) or to provide a waiver of subrogation under Supplier's insurance.
- A.6. Additional Standard Terms And Conditions. Supplier: a) will not be obligated to deliver Product in excess of one hundred and twenty percent of the lesser of Customer's average monthly purchases of each Product during the prior three months or the estimated volumes (if any) set forth in A.9., b) may reduce and apportion deliveries if there is insufficient Product from the normal supply source for any reason, and may charge extra for Product from non-normal sources, c) will not be liable for failure to perform for reasons beyond its reasonable control, d) may increases prices (including facility fees) on thirty days written notice except if and as limited or otherwise provided by Section A.9. below, and c) may collect Supplier's scheduled applicable non-price charges, including Hazardous Materials ("Hazmat") Charge for the handling of hazardous materials and for compliance with laws and regulations concerning hazardous materials, Medical Charge for the handling of medical Products and for compliance with laws and regulations concerning medical Products, delivery, charges, and other special non-price charges (including temporary emergency, plant outage, fuel and energy surcharges) that Supplier may assess. These non-price charges may be amended and others may be added at Supplier's discretion. The total amount due from the customer may include various itemized charges, including: charges for the handling of hazardous materials and for compliance with laws and regulations concerning hazardous materials; charges for handling, delivery, and shipping; and/or charges for energy or fuel. None of the charges represent a tax or fee paid to or imposed by any governmental authority, and all of the charges are retained by the Supplier.

Customer will: a) provide a site, site access, and site utilities, services, and permits, and receive site equipment, on Supplier's standard terms; b) pay Supplier's standard cylinder rates except if and as limited in Section A.9. and; c) buy its total requirements of the covered Products from Supplier, d) pay all charges, including all applicable taxes, within thirty days of invoice date, and pay one and one-half percent per month (or, if less, the maximum permitted by law) on any delinquent balance, e) give reasonable advance notice of orders and allow deliveries twenty-four hours, seven days a week; and f) Customer may not terminate this Agreement for convenience.

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A.7. Miscellaneous. a) Customer represents that Customer is contractually free to enter into this Agreement and to perform hereunder and shall indemnify and defend Supplier against all damages Supplier may suffer if Customer's representation is not correct. b) The laws of the state of Customer's Mailing Address shall govern this Agreement. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this Agreement under the laws of any state in which this Agreement is in effect shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of this Agreement. c) Customer may not assign this Agreement, or resell Products, without Seller written consent. d) This Agreement including the PO (as modified hereby) constitutes the parties' entire agreement. e) This Agreement may be cancelled by Supplier's corporate headquarters within thirty days after signing by both parties. f) The term of the PO, and applicable Products and equipment prices, are as indicated on the face of the PO unless otherwise indicated in A.9. g) This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof. No provision of any Customer purchase order or other Customer document shall alter or add to this Agreement. Any modifications of this Agreement must be in writing, signed by both parties and dated. The parties expressly agree that terms and conditions of this Agreement may not be modified, supplemented, or amended by electronic means. h) While general information regarding this Agreement and the transactions contemplated herein may be exchange by the parties electronically, the parties expressly agree not to conduct the transactions contemplated by this Agreement by electronic means except for notices as set forth herein. All notices shall be in writing. All notices, other than termination or cancellation notices, may be sent by prepaid mail, facsimile or e-mail. If notices are sent by mail, the notices shall be sent to the Mailing Address for the party set forth on page one or any substitute Mailing Address the party may provide to the other by notice hereunder. Notice shall be considered to be given on the date it is sent by prepaid mail or, if otherwise delivered, on the date of delivery. Notice of termination or cancellation must be sent certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Mailing Address of the receiving party; and i) The titles, captions and heading used in this Agreement and the PO are for convenience and shall not be used for construction or interpretation. A.S. Liquid Carbon Dioxide and Dry Ice Provisions. a) If this Agreement pertains to liquid carbon dioxide Products, Supplier will provide the product grade checked below, as per Supplier's standard specifications. If none or more than one are checked, the Basic specification will apply: Food Industrial Specialty ✓ Beverage b) If this Agreement pertains to Dry Ice Products the following shall also apply: i) All Products shall be delivered F.O.B. Supplier's supply source (or, if requested by Customer and acceptable to Supplier, by delivery vehicle to the Facility). Title and risk of loss shall pass to Customer upon delivery. ii) Customer shall monitor Product levels and give Supplier reasonable, advance notice when ordering Product. Customer may, at the option of Supplier, be subject to a minimum delivery and/or a Transport Container ("Box") cleaning charge. Customer shall allow Supplier to make deliveries by vehicle twenty four hours a day, seven days a week. Customer pick-ups, as applicable, may be made during Supplier's normal weekday business hours at times designated by Supplier. Customer shall promptly return to Supplier all Supplier provided dry ice Boxes. Supplier shall have the right to charge Customer a daily charge per Box. Customer shall compensate Supplier for all loss or damage to Boxes. A.9. Other, (Add any other applicable item - type in below or attach) Supply of bulk Liquid Carbon Dioxide to Lee County Southwest Florida, Project No: B-150289. Estimated Annual Volume Requirement is 1,172 Tons. Product Price for Carbon Dioxide is \$180.50 per ton. Deliveries are to be made to: Corkscrew Water Plant 16101 Alico Road Fort Myers, FL 33913 North RO Water 18250 Durrance Road N. Fort Myers, FL 33917 SECTION B. The following terms of the Customer's PO, along with any other terms of the Customer's PO that conflict with Section A above, are hereby REMOVED from the PO (type in below or attach): (AN AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED FROM BOTH SUPPLIER AND CUSTOMER) LEE COUNTY BOCC Lee County Southwest Florida AIR LIOUIDE ÍNDUSTŘIAL U.S. LP Mike ndergriff / Region Manager Name/Title:

tion 0 Page 2 6/2 Air Liquide Intersman V.S. LP • 2700 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 1800, Houston, Texas 77055 • Phone (800) 820-2522 www.us.airliquids.com

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Amy Waszczak, National Municipal Business Coordinator

Submitted for Supplier by



Amendment Number 1 to the Purchase Order Acknowledgment Agreement between Lee County Board of Commissioners and Air Liquide Industrial U.S. LP for the supply of liquid carbon dioxide under Project B-150289. The Purchase Order Acknowledgment Agreement is amended as follows:

Delete Section A.4 Damage Limitations, and replace with the following language:

NEITHER PARTY SHALL BE LIABLE TO THE OTHER PARTY FOR INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES. SUPPLIER'S SOLE LIABILITY AND CUSTOMER'S SOLE REMEDY FOR ANY DAMAGES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO DAMAGES RESULTING FROM PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED BY SUPPLIER OR SUPPLIER'S FAILURE TO DELIVER SUCH PRODUCTS, INSTALLATION OR MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT OR EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURED BY SUPPLIER, OR SERVICES PROVIDED BY SUPPLIER SHALL BE LIMITED TO, AT SUPPLIER'S OPTION, THE REFUND OF THE PURCHASE PRICE OR REPLACEMENT OF THE PRODUCT IN QUESTION, EXCEPT THAT SUPPLIER WILL BE LIABLE TO CUSTOMER FOR DIRECT PHYSICAL DAMAGE TO THE PROPERTY OF CUSTOMER, IF CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF SUPPLIER. SUPPLIER SHALL HAVE NO LIABILITY FOR ANY DAMAGES RESULTING FROM PRODUCTS NOT MANUFACTURED BY SUPPLIER AND CUSTOMER'S SOLE REMEDY SHALL BE AGAINST THE MANUFACTURER AND SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE REMEDIES CONTAINED IN THE MANUFACTURER'S WARRANTY, CUSTOMER MUST NOTIFY SUPPLIER OF ANY CLAIM RELATING TO ANY PRODUCT WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE EVENT GIVING RISE TO SUCH CLAIM OR SUCH CLAIM IS WAIVED. THE LIMITATIONS CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION SHALL APPLY REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE CLAIM FOR DAMAGES IS BASED ON BREACH OF CONTRACT, BREACH OF WARRANTY, TORT OR OTHERWISE, AND SHALL APPLY EVEN WHERE SUCH DAMAGES ARE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART, BY THE NEGLIGENCE, GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR ACTS AND OMISSIONS OF THE PARTY CLAIMING DAMAGES OR THE PARTY FROM WHOM DAMAGES ARE SOUGHT. AS USED IN THIS SECTION, THE TERM "CUSTOMER" AND "SUPPLIER" SHALL INCLUDE NOT ONLY THE PARTY TO THIS AGREEMENT BUT ALSO ALL OF ITS AFFILIATES. THE PROVISIONS GOVERNING DAMAGE LIMITATIONS AND INDEMNITY SET FORTH IN THIS AGREEMENT SHALL SURVIVE EXPIRATION. TERMINATION, OR CANCELLATION OF THIS AGREEMENT.

Delete Section A.5 Indemnity and Insurance and replace with the following language:

Supplier agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless Customer, it's successors and assigns, and their agents, servants, and employees from and against any and all claims, demands, damages, actions or causes of action at law or in equity, asserted by third parties for bodily injuries, death or physical property damage, to the extent caused by Provider's negligent acts or omissions or willful misconduct.

To the extent permitted by Section 762.28, Florida Statues, Customer agrees to defend supplier agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless Supplier, it's successors and assigns, and their agents, servants, and employees from and against any and all claims, demands, damages, actions or causes of action at law or in equity, asserted by third parties for bodily injuries, death or physical property damage, to the extent caused by Customer's negligent acts or omissions or willful misconduct.

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customer	Supplier
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Name/Title: CHAIR COUNTY COMMO	Mike Vandergriff / Region Manager
Date: 9/1/15	Date: 9/0//5
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Page 3 to the Purchase Order Acknowledgment Agreement between Lee County BOCC and Air Liquide

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CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY) 09/15/2015

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

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2700 POST OAK BLVD, SUITE 325			INSURER D:									
HOUSTON, TX 77056				INSURER E :					7			
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ADDITIONAL REMARKS SCHEDULE

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MARSH USA INC.		NAMED INSURED AMERICAN AIR LIQUIDE INC.	
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ADDITIONAL REMARKS

THIS ADDITIONAL REMARKS FORM IS A SCHEDULE TO ACORD FORM,

FORM NUMBER: 25 FORM TITLE: Certificate of Liability Insurance

NAMED INSUREDS ON THE ABOVE REFERENCED POLICIES INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING COMPANIES:

American Air Liquide Inc.

American Air Liquide Holdings, Inc.

Air Liquide Helium America, Inc.

Air Liquide Advanced Technologies U.S. LLC

Air Liquide America L.P.

AL America Holdings, Inc.

Air Liquide USA LLC

Air Liquide Industrial U.S. LP

Air Liquide Large Industries U.S. LP

Air Liquide Electronics U.S. LP

Air Liquide Healthcare America Corporation

Air Liquide Global E&C Solutions US Inc.

Air Liquide Technical Services LLC

Lurgi, Inc

Air Liquide America Specialty Gases LLC

Air Liquide Global E&C Solutions Mexico LLC

Air Liquide Holdings LLC

Air Liquide LLC

Progressive Resources, Inc.

Well-Gen Services, LLC

Plains Nitrogen, LLC

Air Liquide Advanced Materials Inc.

Air Liquide Advanced Materials LLC

CONTRACT REVIEW CHECKLIST

SUBJECT: Project known as: B-150385 Annual Purchase of Carbon Dioxide
between Lee County and Air Liquide Industrial U.S. LP
, and the state of
Reference: Department Director approval: County Administrator approval:
Reference: Board action approving contract/agreement
Sept 1, 2015 Agenda Item No. <u>18</u> .
The subject contract is forwarded herewith for review and/or endorsements:
(1) By the Director of
Project Sponsoring Department Recommending execution Not recommending execution for the following reason(s)
Date received Date returned/forwarded Signed
(2) By Procurement Management Recommending execution Not recommending execution for the following reason(s) Date received 9-16-15 Date returned/forwarded Signed Arry
(3) By the Risk Management Recommending execution Not recommending execution for the following reason(s)
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(4) By the County Attorney Recommending execution Not recommending execution for the following reason(s)
Date received 9-18-15 Date returned/forwarded 9-18-15
(5) DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR, COUNTY MANAGER, BOARD: 1 43 5102 (6) Clerks Office, Minutes Department (7) PROCUREMENT MGMT.
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