

## Air Liquide opens new industrial gases depot at Ruakura Superhub

**Air Liquide marks a significant milestone in Aotearoa-New Zealand with the official start-up of a new industrial gases depot at the Ruakura Superhub in Hamilton today, on 9th December 2025.**

Strategically located at Ruakura Superhub, Australasia's largest inland port, logistics, and industrial hub, this new, purpose-built facility is designed to extend Air Liquide's New Zealand supply chain network and improve the reliability of supply to better serve Air Liquide's customers in this region.

The 9,000m<sup>2</sup> facility includes gas storage and loading facilities, a workshop, an office space, carparks and landscaping situated on Aka Matua Lane in the Ruakura Superhub. The new depot has been recognized for its high environmental standards, achieving a 5 Green Star Design & As Built NZv1.1 Certified Design Rating with the New Zealand Green Building Council - a rating which is deemed to represent 'New Zealand Excellence'.

Speaking at the karakia (blessing) held today to mark the opening of the depot, Tainui Group Holdings (TGH) Chair, **Hinerangi Raumati Tu'ua**, welcomed Air Liquide to the burgeoning Superhub precinct. ***"Attracting world-class businesses like Air Liquide has been our vision for Ruakura Superhub from the outset. It is very rewarding to see this come to fruition and also to have the involvement of a number of tribal-owned businesses in its construction"***, says Hinerangi.

Safe, efficient and reliable supply chain operations are essential to industrial and medical gas customers in New Zealand. High-quality gases serve the needs of New Zealand businesses in a broad range of industries, including food, beverages, water treatment, desalination, hospitality, manufacturing and medical and healthcare services.

**Natalie Wilford**, General Manager of Air Liquide New Zealand, stated: ***"Adding to our existing New Zealand presence, this state-of-the-art facility at Ruakura Superhub will provide increased capacity and improved reliability to serve our customers efficiently. Air Liquide New Zealand's investment in this new depot is a clear sign of our long-term commitment to supporting the growth of local industries in this basin."***

The new Air Liquide facility has been developed by Tainui Group Holdings and built by local builder Foster Construction. Tribal-owned businesses were sub-contracted to supply concrete, electrical services, civil works and insulation.

It will be jointly owned by Tainui Group Holdings and global investment company Brookfield Asset Management through their joint venture formed in April this year and leased long-term to Air Liquide. The underlying whenua (land) remains in the ownership of Waikato-Tainui.

### **Air Liquide in New Zealand**

Air Liquide New Zealand started its operations in 1983. In New Zealand, Air Liquide operates air separation plants and gas filling facilities, strategically located in Auckland and Christchurch, and an industrial gas distribution facility in Hamilton. Air Liquide provides innovative and customer-focused solutions and services and supports the New Zealand economy through a unique blend of advanced equipment, processes & systems, supported by a highly engaged and competent workforce.

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### **About Air Liquide**

Air Liquide is a world leader in gases, technologies and services for industry and healthcare. Present in 60 countries with 66,300 employees, the Group serves more than 4 million customers and patients. Oxygen, nitrogen and hydrogen are essential small molecules for life, matter and energy. They embody Air Liquide's scientific territory and have been at the core of the Group's activities since its creation in 1902.

Taking action today while preparing the future is at the heart of Air Liquide's strategy. With ADVANCE, its strategic plan for 2025, Air Liquide is targeting a global performance, combining financial and extra-financial dimensions. Positioned on new markets, the Group benefits from major assets such as its business model combining resilience and strength, its ability to innovate and its technological expertise. The Group develops solutions contributing to climate and the energy transition—particularly with hydrogen—and takes action to progress in areas of healthcare, digital and high technologies.

Air Liquide's revenue amounted to more than 27.5 billion euros in 2023. Air Liquide is listed on the Euronext Paris stock exchange (compartment A) and belongs to the CAC 40, CAC 40 ESG, EURO STOXX 50, FTSE4Good and DJSI Europe indexes.

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