

Air Liquide Korea carries out Clean day activity

On July 24, Air Liquide Korea carried out a 'Clean Day' event at Geumodo Island in Yeosu, Jeollanam-do, one of the large-scale operations sites for Air Liquide Korea. Jointly organized with the Local Sustainability Alliance of Yeosu and Korea Federation for Environmental Movement Yeosu (KFEM), the event was part of Air Liquide Korea's corporate social responsibility program 'Act for a Clean and Safe Community'.

During the half-day event, Air Liquide Korea employees worked **to raise awareness on the environmental protection campaign** among local residents, as well as on the cleaning of the beaches of Geumodo in Dadohaehaesang National Park. More than 100 volunteers, including Air Liquide employees, joined this effort.

The event was the fourth Clean Day organized by Air Liquide Korea. The Clean Day activities are devised to protect the environment and enhance proximity with local communities. Additional Clean Day programs will be carried out near other Air Liquide Korea branches this year as part of the company's 'Act for a Clean and Safe Community' program.

One key focus of the event was the protection of the endangered Korean Finless Porpoise Sanggwaengi. The porpoises living in the southwest seas of Korea are designated as an 'endangered' and vulnerable species under the 'Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)'. They are considered to be **under threat of extinction** due to aggressive coastal development and fishing.

Christopher Clark, Air Liquide Korea CEO, commented: *"We are honored to participate in raising awareness to protect this endangered species. It is our pleasure to assist the Korean Federation for Environmental Movement Yeosu and the Local Sustainability Alliance of Yeosu. Efforts such as these are fully in line with our support for a cleaner and safer environment."*

Air Liquide Korea

Since its founding in 1996, the company has developed steadily along with the growth of domestic industry. Today, Air Liquide Korea provides industrial gas and related services for important industry sectors in Korea, including petro-chemical, electronic and steel industries. Air Liquide Korea continues to invest in the domestic market and now provides products directly to industrial complexes in areas including Yeosu, Bucheon, Icheon, Cheonan, Dangjin, Gumi, Sangju, Iksan, and Busan.

In 2012, Air Liquide established an R&D center in the Yonsei Engineering Research Park. Air Liquide Laboratories Korea (the R&D center in Korea) focuses on the development of new advanced materials for the electronics market.

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World leader in gases, technologies and services for Industry and Health, Air Liquide is present in 80 countries with more than 50,000 employees and serves more than 2 million customers and patients. Oxygen, nitrogen and hydrogen have been at the core of the company's activities since its creation in 1902. Air Liquide's ambition is to be the leader in its industry, delivering long-term performance and acting responsibly.

Air Liquide ideas create value over the long term. At the core of the company's development are the commitment and constant inventiveness of its people.

Air Liquide anticipates the challenges of its markets, invests locally and globally, and delivers high-quality solutions to its customers and patients, and the scientific community.

The company relies on competitiveness in its operations, targeted investments in growing markets and innovation to deliver profitable growth over the long-term.

Air Liquide's revenues amounted to € 15.4 billion in 2014, and its solutions that protect life and the environment represented more than 40% of sales. Air Liquide is listed on the Paris Euronext stock exchange (compartment A) and is a member of the CAC 40 and Dow Jones Euro Stoxx 50 indexes.