

**DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY (DLA) AWARDS TO HAAS TCM Inc
CONTRACT TO PROVIDE INTEGRATED SUPPLY OF
COMPRESSED INDUSTRIAL GAS AND CYLINDER
MAINTENANCE SERVICES**

(West Chester, PA, June 15, 2007) The DLA's Defense Supply Center Richmond (DSCR) awarded to Haas TCM Inc of West Chester, PA., a five-year base contract (with an additional five-year option) for the privatization of compressed gases and cylinder supply and maintenance logistics. The firm-fixed price contract is the first awarded by the DSCR for commodities privatization mandated by the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission decision. The contract has a maximum value of \$2 billion.

The contract scope emphasizes the high degree of service for both the supply of various compressed gases used by the U.S. military and civilian agencies and repair and refurbishment of the pool of government owned cylinders.

Haas TCM's prime agreement results from a government initiative to privatize the supply of packaged gases to the U.S. warfighter and other government operations. Haas TCM will provide services formerly covered by the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) including demand forecasting, order processing, procurement, inventory management, quality control, environmental compliance, storage, distribution logistics, obsolescence management, data management and customer support services. Haas TCM teamed with Radnor, PA-based Airgas, Inc. (NYSE: ARG), the nation's largest U.S. distributor of packaged industrial gases, to provide cylinder logistics and handling. Airgas also will supply much of the compressed gases under this program.

The goal of this performance-based program is to improve overall product support by decreasing cycle times and increasing the availability of packaged gases to DLA customers at a lower cost of ownership. Using a strategically dispersed distribution infrastructure, JIT work processes and *tcmlS*®, Haas TCM's state-of-the-art chemical lifecycle management technology platform, Haas TCM and Airgas will provide to the U.S.

Government the world-class service it has provided to the aerospace and defense industry and other commercial customers.

“We are proud to add the DLA to Haas TCM’s portfolio of enterprise-wide customers,” said Leigh Hayes, Executive Vice President and Division Manager at Haas TCM. “The benefits to these customers are incalculable when a single management, structure and technology platform are used to execute and manage services to all of its facilities,” adds Hayes.

“Airgas is pleased to participate in this supply chain initiative. We are excited to be associated with Haas TCM in this landmark, government privatization process,” said Patrick M. Visintainer, Senior Vice President of Sales for Airgas, Inc.

Haas TCM is headquartered in West Chester, PA, with about 350 employees, annual revenues of \$240 million and operations on four continents. Haas TCM currently provides chemical lifecycle management services to customers in the automotive, aerospace, electronics, semiconductors, energy, metalworking, transportation, food/beverage and heavy equipment manufacturing industries.

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